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NEW MERCHANDISE: Satellite station tapes... see below.

NEW ARRIVALS: Saturday of last week brought no fewer than three magazines into our P.O. box.... the return of the new look, slim-line **CM Bulletin**, issue 35a, following a few problems. Promising a regular six weekly appearance, this excellent 20 x A5 page magazine is neatly presented, with photos, and is all about the offshore stations and ventures. Recommended... details from 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY..... **Freewave**, issue 175, from Holland (in Dutch), this 24 x A5 page magazine covers European radio generally, including satellite and offshore. Details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC, Groningen, Holland..... **Marine Broadcasting News**, issue 11, with 18 x A4 well presented pages of offshore news, both current and previous. Details from P.O. Box 963, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 6ED..... **Play-DX**, issue 539. Bang up to date with issues now and this latest has 6 x A4 pages of news and logs of the long distance catches of the previous week or so. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **Activity Magazine**, issue 11, with just 12 x A5 pages of recent SW news and action. 75p from 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH. (Dutch, French or West German stamps accepted from the continent, to 75p value).... Now **Radic**, issue 98, 32 x A5 pages of all radio (but mostly legal) news. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 0NW.

TAPE OFFERS: It's back to Friday 20th January for Tape 236, which features **Radio Caroline** and part of the last Steve Conway breakfast show on his most recent stint. What makes this one different is that Caroline Martin joined him in the studio, and the show was hosted between them until mid-morning. This particular morning also had some of the best music to be played on the station in some time (and in our own opinion, is what Caroline 558 should sound like all the time). Recorded in Ipswich, this 90 minute segment is from 08:15 until 09:45 and shows that even playing the maximum amount of music (as Caroline 558 always does), brief, but entertaining patter by the deejays can make the station sound very exciting. Across to Ireland for Tape 237, which features the short-lived **Border Weekend Radio**, located on the border in County Louth. This station made an appearance on several weekends in early 1989, but since the Radio Dublin raids, has since closed down. Border was born out of Rainbow Radio and this tape features the voice of 'Jolly Ollie' (well known under another name!). The recording, off FM, is partially air-checked but mainly continuous and as always, both C.90 tapes cost £2.00 each.

SATELLITE TAPES: In view of the fact that we are back in the satellite business, if anyone would like recordings, please feel free to request same. We must point out though,

that these are not 'Tape Offers' and will not have A-UK labels, but a simple white adhesive identification label on the box. The price is £2 each for C.90's or 3 for £5, and the recordings will not be a copies, but made directly and immediately, once we receive your instructions. Ten stations are available to us, at the moment (see later), but recommended are **Cable One**, **Radio Ten** and **Sky Radio** (please state which, but you can have one station on one side and one on the other if you so wish). Certainly something different for the collection.

FOR SALE: Sony 2001 D in perfect condition... £190.. Tel: Leicester (0533) 558063.

WANTED: A copy of the U.S. magazine 'Radio & Records'.... contact, with price... Jeffrey Thomas, 13 Neville Street, Riverside, Cardiff CF1 8LP.

NOTICE: Numerous people are enquiring about boat trips out to visit the Ross Revenge. No trips are currently operating, but the only organisation likely to be active seems to be the **Caroline Movement**. They are planning an Easter trip on board the Olau Britannia and further trips may be in the pipeline for later. Write for details to CM, 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY (best to enclose an SAE!).

WANTED: D.J. requires work in radio, night club or disco bar, has previous experience in these areas. Anything considered, Ireland or England... write Keith Doyle, 13 Glenageary Terrace, Lower Glenageary Road, Dun Laoire, Co. Dublin, Eire... (Tel) 841674.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Last week but one saw the oral presentations by 13 Dublin applicants for the two licences 'up for grabs' in the city and county. Our reporter, David Butler, attended the two day event when the following applicants were interviewed (in this order and commencing at 09:00 on Thursday 16th and ending at 17:30 the following day).... Liffey Trust Ltd., Dublin Radio Franchise Consortium, Capital Radio Town and County, Irish Country 104/105, Navarro Ltd., Radio 2000, Liffeyside Financial Services Ltd., Aerview Ltd., Dublin and County Broadcasting Ltd., Radio Dublin Ltd., Dublin City Radio, Capital Radio and Metro Radio Group..... "Last Thursday and Friday, luminaries, Eamon Cooke, Mike Hogan, William Cunningham, Martin Block, Pierre Doyle, etc. were all at the National Concert Hall, Dublin, vying for the two licences to run the new Dublin radio stations. Eamon Cooke was there. His submission very much had the respect and admiration of the audience, but the commission showed no interest at all. 'Well, thank you very much, Mr. Cooke, you've explained your case very comprehensively and we've no questions to ask you' was their comment.

John May told the commission 'Life is tough for many and one of the beautiful things about life is that there is music, good music' Mr May said they would continue on the Class 98.5 format, with the addition of good news. 'Without music, life would be a mistake'.

Robbie Robinson said... 'The revolution is far from over, we know our listeners better than anyone else and that is why we propose as much music as possible under the guidelines. We understand there is an abundance of FM frequencies, so could we run three stations? We could have the second one on within twelve months. Another idea is "Tri Uair A Chloig Go Leith", this traditional Irish music programme would be followed by "Your Be-Bop Gold".

According to Jimmy Smith of Irish Country 104, if the commission could have been present at their meetings, they would have given them a licence straightaway. Most of their listeners tune to AM, so much so that if they had the AM facility, they would reach viability in half the time. He concluded by saying there would be no four letter words

on this station.

The final group (Metro) comprised of three members of Millenium 88FM, who also stressed the importance of AM. 'It's essential' said Tony Johnston, 'some people in (upmarket) Howth can't get FM!' The Metro group were looking for a building with identity and had the old Harcourt Street railway station in mind. They had an interesting and original idea that the two successful stations could share transmission facilities. They finished with a biblical quote... 'May the last be the first and the first the last (without any disrespect to our competitors)'.

A few other quotes heard.... 'If you guys get the company together, I can go on the air next week'....

.... 'Programme format is like a menu, if someone is a chicken person, you cannot force steak'... (Jimmy Smith).

.... 'Yes, Sir, No, Sir'.... (Mike Hogan).

.... 'What do you want to know?...' (Scott Williams)

.... 'Would you use direct transmissions or use RTE?...'

.... 'Would you use a tape delay mechanism?...'.... 'How soon could you be on air?...' (Chairman Henchy).

Everyone then went off to consider their performance and do a bit of nail biting. We await the commission's verdict, any day now."

In fact we didn't have to wait too long at all, only a matter of days when an announcement informed all and sundry that the successful applicants were Radio 2000 and Capital Radio. The former is led by Denis O'Brien of E-Sat, the satellite company in which large business interests such as Smurfit and Crean are involved. They had applied for the national franchise and, it is said, only just failed. ILR Downtown Radio were involved with them in the first unsuccessful admission, but sensibly pulled out when they applied for the local franchise. The latter is fronted by promoters, Jim Aiken and Maurice Cassidy along with others including radio names from Q 102, Mike Hogan and Martin Block.

Some just did not stand even a remote chance, others did, and failed, and must now be feeling very disappointed indeed after all the hard work put in, not only recently, but over a number of years. The Irish Independent newspaper summed it all up in a headline.... 'Radio: the sound of money' and went on... 'The day was dominated by middle-class, middle-aged men who spoke mainly about money'. It's very sad indeed to see such a vibrant, lively, flourishing, successful radio scene with all that talent, end like this, and just disappear down the drain, like rainwater from a thunderstorm. Still, we wish the successful parties all the best and look forward to hearing them on the air.

The Cork hearings have since taken place and the successful applicants there are awaiting to be informed.

There is little to report radio-wise from Ireland, Radio Star Country are loud and clear daily, on 981kHz., Northside Radio are just about audible on 846kHz. at most times (but not 24 hours) and also on 97.9MHz. locally. We assume that Radio Dublin are active on 100.00MHz. and Quincentennial Radio in Galway, on 98.4MHz. Also a report mentions Premier Radio in Dublin, last weekend but one, and that's about the lot, we believe.

Ex Kiss FM jock, John Friday (a.k.a. Lawrence John) has been heard voicing adverts on Star. Also heard on this station, Don Allen voiced adverts (to the tune of 'Man of Action') for the Reilly brothers, transmitter installers, now concentrating on aerial and tower erecting and satellite dish installations. The KITS roadshow has also been heard advertised here, no doubt, keeping the dream alive, as they say. The number of adverts noted in any one hour is totally staggering and is not restricted to the plugging of latest country music tapes and L.P.'s, as it has been in the past. These have now been joined by the professionals, one can tell by the style of advert, and anything is available (right down to coach trips to Blackpool!). It comes as no surprise really, because for some, who can hardly afford the ILR Belfast rates, this is the only radio medium left.

Don was in particularly good form on Wednesday and we were treated to many of his old jingles and drop-ins, along with his snappy patter. Let's just hope we can go on enjoying his shows!

SATELLITE STATIONS: In May of 1988, on hearing that Radio Nova was going 'satellite', we decided to follow their progress and invest in a rather expensive receiving system from the firm owned by Chris Cary, Hi-Tech 'X'travision, in Surrey. The system duly arrived at high speed, co-inciding with Nova's start, and was set up in no time, allowing us to listen in. We agreed we would report on satellite activity,

space permitting, which we duly did for a short while, but a nine month catalogue of minor disasters followed... the local planning authority, acting on behalf of neighbours, threatened legal action if the satellite dish was not removed, so we had to dismantle it.... Nova, after a wonderfully spectacular start, faded like dying star as the months went on and became almost boring and eventually closed down altogether (a few weeks ago)... the expensive Rediffusion receiver then packed up working and had to be sent back to the manufacturer, who managed to keep it almost three months!... So we finally arrived in 1989, eventually got the receiver back, found a way around the planning authority and got ourselves back in business, just in time to co-incide with the disappearance of the faithful Irish pirates and the arrival of Astra / Sky.

Beaming to Eutelsat-1 F1, we located ten radio stations, as follows... BBC World Service in English, BBC W.S., foreign, with Richard Branson's 'Radio Radio' or 'Nightline' or 'Super Station', or whatever he is calling it, later in the day, on 11,674GHz.(V).... Voice of America (Europe) and Starstadt Radio (German) on 11,507GHz.(V).... RTL (German) on 11,005GHz.(H).... Radio 10 (Dutch) on 11,138GHz.(V).... Sky Radio (English) on 11,650GHz.(H) and Cable One (Anglo-Dutch) on 11,170GHz.(H). We find the latter three are excellent replacements for those who have ceased broadcasting. Cable One, in particular is quite excellent in that it programmes, with links in both Dutch and English. The station is celebrating one year on the air at the moment and running competitions inviting audience participation, in line with this event. Radio Ten on the other hand, is totally in Dutch with its links and Sky is fully automated, with recurring promos at set intervals, and in the last day or so, a number of adverts. Later in the week (last week), in readiness for the big fight on Saturday night, we moved the dish around to the Astra Sat., seemingly with stronger signals all round. We tuned the several TV channels and checked the audio sub carriers for radio stations. Several were noted but only Sky Radio identified, the others just carried continuous music or had blank carriers, obviously in readiness for future takers. The Sky Radio on Astra and on Eutelsat are the same, it appears. MTV is quite interesting in that it is more or less non-stop pop, with pictures! Tune the receiver and get stereo on your hi fi and see the corresponding pictures on the TV screen. The MTV on Astra and the one on Intelsat are very likely to be the same. It would be interesting to hear from anyone else into 'satellite dx-ing' and how they are faring and we could continue the column. Initially, we had problems finding Richard Branson's station (these satellite radio stations are the closest guarded secret ever - no information can be found anywhere, we have looked), so we rang Radio, Radio and asked them. Very friendly girls were quite confused when questioned and one even suggested we ought to tune to our local ILR after 10pm! Persevering, we got one young lady who said it came off the EC2 F2 satellite, but even she got confused when the frequency was queried. Further conversation with an ILR station who take the service yielded information that the service is to be found on a sub carrier of 'Super Channel' (Eutelsat), but not until after 10pm in the evening. We duly located it after the said hour, but were not terribly impressed.

OFF-SHORE STATIONS. With all the rumours about new offshore ventures now dying down somewhat, let us get back into reporting about what is happening on those stations which are actually on the air.

The Voice of Peace : On Monday 20th February, there was a very special broadcast from the ship, and this consisted of commentary on a handball match, presented live from France by Shaul Izenberg commencing at 19:00. Just after this broadcast, the station was off the air, but returned at 21:10 for the 'Russian Hour', and the news was then missing at 22:00. More problems occurred the following day, and the transmitters had to be switched off between 10:30 and 10:37. It was on this day (Tuesday 21st February), that Kenny Page went on shore leave, with McLellan Hackney and Tony O'Reilly returning after their first week off. On Thursday 23rd February Gad Bitton (from the Gad Bitton's Disco Show, every Friday at 23:00) was married, and this was mentioned by John MacDonald on the breakfast show. Due to Gad's wedding, there was no 'Disco Show' that Friday, with Ofer and Dave replacing him between 23:00 and 24:00. Three hours of disco music were played however, between midnight and 03:00 with 'Big Mac' (McLellan Hackney).

The line-up for the last week of February was... 00:00 McLellan Hackney... 03:00 Tony O'Reilly... 06:00 John MacDonald... 09:00 Dave Lee... 13:00 Ofer Nachshon... 16:00 John MacDonald... 18:00 Tony O'Reilly... 19:30 McLellan Hackney... 22:00 Dave Lee.

The Voice of Peace
Hours broadcast per person for 1988

John MacDonald.....	1/1/88-1/1/89.....	1253 hours
Kenny Page.....	1/1/88-1/1/89.....	1171 hours
Martin Murphy.....	16/1/88-21/11/88.....	974 hours
Richard West.....	7/5/88-31/10/88.....	660 hours
Michael O'Sullivan....	16/1/88-17/7/88.....	424 hours
Steve Cromby.....	1/1/88-10/6/88.....	396 hours
Ian Hudson (Mac).....	1/1/88-1/5/88.....	390 hours
Brendan Mee.....	23/8/88-13/12/88.....	380 hours
Paul Fraiser.....	1/1/88-4/4/88.....	307 hours
Steve Richards.....	7/5/88-16/7/88.....	250 hours
Mike Davis (Dixon)....	30/9/88-1/12/88.....	213 hours
Gary Cooke (J. Bibby)....	13/10/88-5/12/88.....	154 hours
Bruce Wayne.....	1/1/88-30/1/88.....	45 hours
John Johnston.....	1/11/88-13/11/88.....	44 hours
Ramon Tal.....	21/12/88-1/1/89.....	43 hours
Pita Bread (N. Bennett)....	3/2/88-25/2/88.....	39 hours
Linda Maisson.....	27/12/88-1/1/89.....	36 hours
Mike.....	27/12/88-29/12/88....	about 6 hours

Caroline 558 : With no tender having visited the ship for several weeks, the staff on board were just the same last weekend, and the line-up on Friday 24th February, read... 00:00 Nick Jackson... 05:00 Steve Richards... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Dave Asher... 17:00 Rob Harrison... 20:00 Andy Bradgate. The station had operated 24 hours throughout the week, and this was carried on over the last weekend of February. This time though, no extra Dutch presenters were brought into the line-up. Caroline Martin was hosting the afternoon shows on Saturday (25th) and Sunday (26th), but due to worsening seas, at 16:32 on Sunday, Dave Asher read the weather. He then said that continuous music would be played, as Caroline had gone to bed, after feeling ill during the rough seas. Normal programmes resumed at 17:00 with Nick Jackson. Later that night (between 01:00 and 03:00 Monday morning), continuous music was again played, with the only announcements being the on-hour news read by Andy Bradgate. Programmes recommenced at 03:00, again with Nick Jackson. Caroline was obviously still ill on Monday (27th), and the line-up read... 01:00 continuous music... 03:00 Nick Jackson... 05:00 Steve Richards... 09:00 Rob Harrison... 13:00 Dave Asher... 17:00 Andy Bradgate... 21:00 Nick Jackson. The station closed at the end of Nick Jackson's show, at 01:00 Tuesday morning, for regular maintainance. With the seas calming somewhat, Caroline Martin returned to the air on Tuesday, and the line-up became... 05:00 Steve Richards... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Dave Asher... 17:00 Andy Bradgate... 21:00 Rob Harrison. That night saw an announced early closedown at 22:07. The station returned sometime early on Wednesday morning, as Nick Jackson was well into his show by 04:00. The rest of Wednesday went as normal, but by Thursday morning (2nd March) problems were apparent. During Steve Richards breakfast show, the station was off the air for a time early on, as well as at 07:10. It returned at 08:30, and Steve finished the show. As normal, Caroline took over at 09:00, but at 10:15 'The Fortunes' was played, and 558 went off for 'ship maintainance'. The carrier returned at 11:33, with Rob Harrison following the theme tune at 11:53. Caroline Martin came back at 12:02, and continued until 13:00, when programmes were as normal until 21:00. At this time there was the surprise return of Pat Brooks to the air. Pat will be remembered as being the deejay on the air that fateful night when the massive mast collapsed in November 1987. The night he re-joins is another rather unhappy anniversary - it was 21 years ago (2nd/3rd March 1968) that the two Caroline vessels made their final broadcasts and were towed away by force to Amsterdam. The station closed down at 01:00, following Pat's first return show. Further changes must have taken place on Thursday, as Rob Harrison not only hosted the breakfast show on Friday morning (3rd) but read all the news bulletins as well. At time of writing, no new voices have been heard. Dave Asher and Caroline Martin still seem to be on board. It is hoped that whatever vessel Pat Brooks came out on, also brought some more equipment and parts to enable the mast construction to be finished. It would be a shame if higher power could not be reached by the time the station celebrates its 25th birthday.

Caroline 819 - 'The Overnight Alternative' : This service continues every night except Saturday night (when the Dutch service occupies the channel), although due to early closures, the hours have been drastically reduced. Rob Harrison and Colin Muesli Bar have again hosted all the shows. The service was cut short on Tuesday morning, due to regular closure for maintainance, and again at 22:05 that evening. To celebrate the 25th birthday, this service is having its own special programming, in the form of a 'Top 200 All Time Album' programme.

World Mission Radio (6215kHz shortwave): After returning to the air two weeks ago, following several days off due to the aerial wires coming adrift, WMR has not been heard since Friday morning (24th February). It is not known the reason for its absence this time.

THE THANET BRANCH OF THE C.M. are celebrating 25 years of Radio Caroline on Saturday 1st April, between 15:00 and 23:00 in Bromley, Kent. Tickets are £2.00, but full details can be obtained by sending an s.a.e. to 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Nr. Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ, or by telephoning Jenny Knight on (0843) 821112.

LAND-BASED STATIONS U.K. The current purge by officials from the Department of Trade and Industry (usually referred to as DoTI Men) is certainly having an effect on the choice of listening in many areas, most noticeably in the North of England, where many towns have virtually no activity left at all.

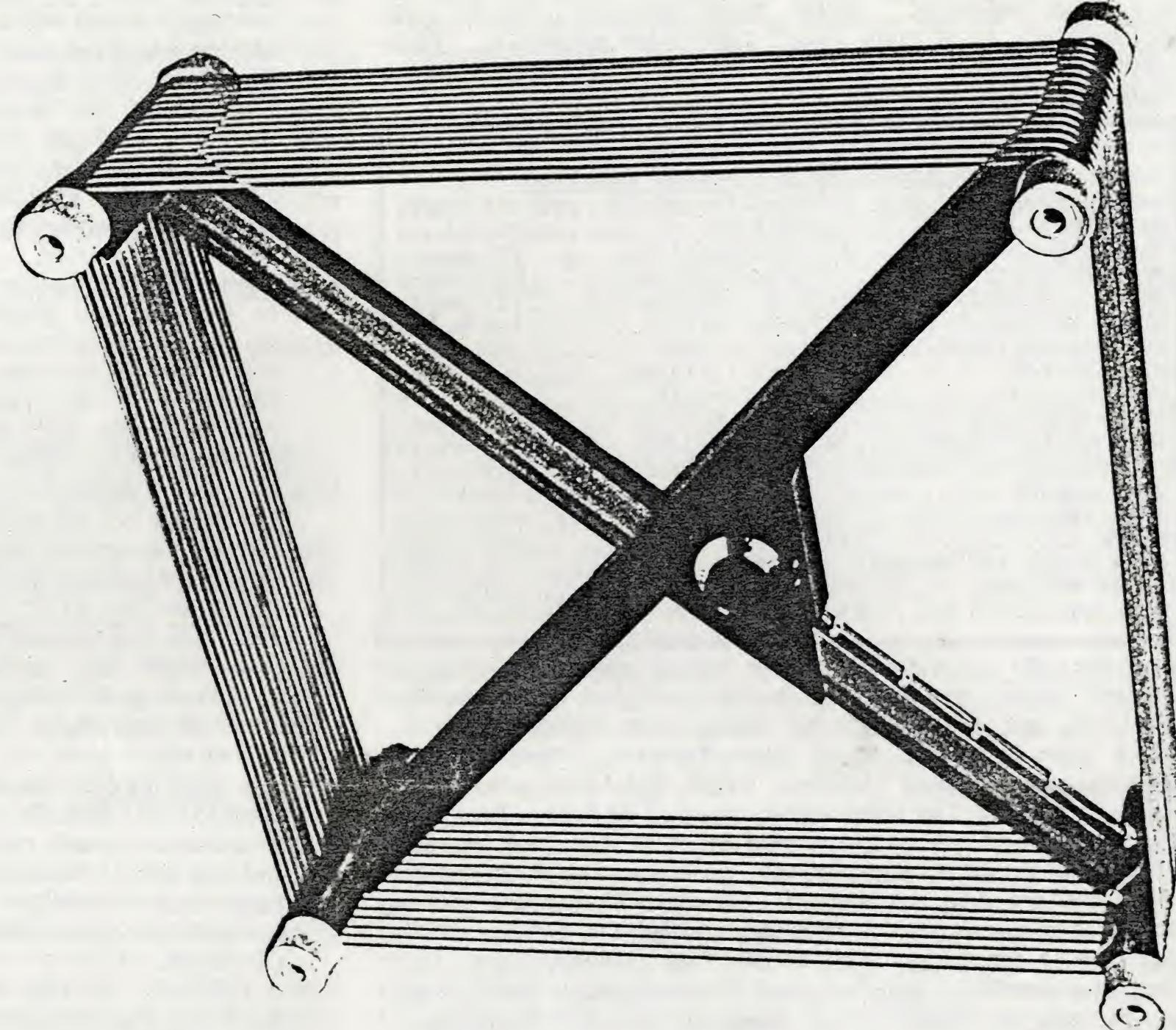
The Midlands : Outlook was heard once again on Monday evening (27th) with a loop tape, announcing that regular broadcasts would commence next Monday, between 21:00 and 22:30. Frequency for this transmission is 96.8MHz. Both audio quality and signal strength is said to be exceptionally good. Address is Holmes Chapel P.D.O., Cheshire CW4 8AE.

Elsewhere in this area, a new Asian station has been operating over the past couple of weeks, calling itself Radio Sangam. The station has mainly English language programmes but the music is Asian. They broadcast on 90.0MHz (announcing as 89.9), in stereo and seem to be on just at weekends. Contact address is announced as... 99 Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham B11 4RP. Other stations heard during this past week include... Power 92 FM (92.15) and Powerhouse Radio (105.1) both on seven days per week, Skyline Radio (94.3) and Metro FM (104.95) both all weekend, Quest FM (103.5) and UK Radio (99.3) on Sunday afternoon. UK radio were also announcing 1413kHz. Address for Power 92 is... c/o Five Star Promotions, Western House, Western Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B18.

'Stories from the Black Country' by Sid.

An ad appeared in a number of Midland papers recently. It offered a 'substantial reward' for information leading to the conviction of Pirate Radio operators. There followed a telephone number, but no further clue as to who had placed the ad. The current theory is that it was placed by one or more of the local ILR contractors, who are becoming increasingly concerned at the way the Midlands Privateers are beginning to cream off not only their audiences, but their advertising too. Information reaching me suggests that as the number of operators in the Midlands is considerably lower than the capital, the DTI are less likely to harry them to such a high degree. This has allowed some stations to develop a professionalism and cohesion of sound not always evidenced in London. Following on from this, some 'legitimate' advertisers have seen a cheap way of reaching a target market not delivered by ILR. The telephone number is not believed to have had any response, but there is always someone who is willing to collect their thirty pieces of silver.

In the midst of the bleak battered tower-scapes of the West Midlands, someone had hit a piece of concrete. Not being a martial arts expert, this time, the concrete had won, and the body lay crushed, broken and lifeless, twenty floors from where it started its last journey. All you can do in cases like this, is to scrape the remains into a plastic bag and cart them away. An hour after the council workmen have finished hosing the site down, no-one would have known that anything had happened at all. Except, that is, for two lone policemen, who had been given the job of talking to the residents in the vain hope of turning up some information about the dead man. The tower was a semi-derelict block, where many flats had been abandoned to the weather, squatters, or had become 'shooting galleries' for the local



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READY BUILT MEDIUM WAVE LOOP

For the benefit of do it yourself enthusiasts... study the picture... here are a few details to assist... Diagonal length, 25" ... length of 'T' pieces, 5" ... all wood dimensions $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " ... 8 rubber corner feet, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter / 1" tall... variable tuning capacitor / condenser, value 400 / 500 pf... vernier tuning dial for fine tuning (not essential), but must match capacitor... wire, single plastic coated copper wire, 100ft (16 or 17 turns)... wire clips, screws, nails, solder, glue and a small amount of three ply type wood to box in capacitor.

For the benefit of experts... these loops have been constructed with simple radios in mind, the poorer the receiver, the better the loop works. The better type of communications receiver's signal will not appear to improve as much as the simpler set's one. These are relatively inexpensive antennas, so if you have paid hundreds of pounds for your receiver, it may as well to consider a more expensive loop. There are a number on the market (at very much higher prices than ours) and any very good radio shop will advise you. Alternatively, back copies of the WRTH (at your public library) often contain reviews of same. For receivers without a ferrite rod, a coupling turn can be employed and connected to your set, but this results in loss of gain. A direct connection can be made too, using a simple matching amplifier, designs for which can be found in radio magazines. We do not supply the latter item.

Finally, the cost... the Standard Loop, as seen in the photograph, posted (with substantial packing) to an address in the U.K., £35.00..... posted to destinations in Europe, £40... by air parcel to America, £45... elsewhere (Australia, New Zealand, South America), £50. A coupling turn to connect into a receiver (not needed if the set has a ferrite rod), please add £5 to the above prices.

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dopers. The few true residents sat and trembled behind bolted and barred doors, and waited to be transferred to somewhere, where they could pick up their pensions without the fear of being mugged.

A door opened on one floor, and a young man slipped quietly inside to take part in the most widely known covert activity of all. Although the studios of **Metro Radio** were open for business, unknown to the occupants, the door to the outside world was open too. The last man in had failed to make sure that the door had caught on the lock. A little while later, two bored coppers, frustrated at the lack of headway they were making in establishing the identity of the dead man, came upon the door, which by this time had swung partly open. They must have suspected they had come across a 'shooting gallery', so instead of knocking, or bursting in, 'Brodie and Doyle' style (in the manner so beloved of their **Metropolitan** comrades), they cautiously entered. They surprised the occupants, and then surprised themselves by not finding any dope fiends. While they knew how to handle dopers, they had not experienced a 'pirate Radio' studio raid before. So, it took the a little time to realise what they had stumbled on. When they did, they whistled up a van to clear the gear out. In the meantime, the two **Metro** guys sat there quietly with crossed fingers. They left with the two coppers, who were congratulating themselves on a good 'collar'. It was only later, that they were to find out they had no case. At the same time, in a flat, in a run down part of the W Midlands, two guys sat looking at a grey metal box bolted to the wall. There, sitting in front of them where it had been all the time, was the **Metro** transmitter, still pumping out a dead carrier."

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY - 24th / 28th February 1989.

"Well, it was **MAGIC FM** testing on Tuesday 21st on 104.20, but for some unknown reason, they upped and shifted to 105.35 on Wednesday 25th, with a mixture of live and tape, plus a predominantly oldies format, laced with a few more rocky items. With the 104.20 slot clear, the choice of 105.35 defies belief, especially for a 7/24 operation as it is right over the gas / electricity emergency service frequencies. Unaccountably they actually lasted until Saturday before being taken out. Next door on 105.40, **STOMP** from the Essex / E. London borders, came thundering in on Saturday evening, but it looks as though they were taken out in the Sunday afternoon round-up. **Mega** have not yet returned to 105.65, but just up on 105.8, soul was heard on Saturday evening, and further up on 106.25, a distant reggae signal was picked up in the early hours of Saturday morning. It was thought to be a sprog at first, but nothing could be tied down to anything on air at this time.

Down on 102.20, the tape loop which has been on and off for the last few weeks, and which had been attributed to **Time**, mainly because they were using old **Time** drop-ins, has now gone live, 7/24, under the call sign of **WBIS**, featuring the usual mix of black music. Next door on 102.00, **WEST LONDON RADIO** were not heard following their mid week bust, until Monday 27th, when they returned with a signal for the whole of south east England. Clearing up the identity of another persistent tape looper this week, it looks as if 'London's Premier Soul Station', the outlet on 92.35, who have been tape looping for the last few weeks at the weekends, is not the debut of the much vaunted **Reach FM**, but the re-emergence of **CRYSTAL RADIO**, who duly went live on Monday 26th.

Unknown until this week has been the fact that **ROCK FM** (94.25) have been on the air for the last few weeks, but on each occasion have been busted with an alarming quickness. This has led the Magnificent Seven to move base from the popular but increasingly dangerous East End of London to a new site just south of the river. This did improve matters slightly, but not a great deal, as on Sunday 26th they did manage to last five hours before 'The Men Who Climb Tall Buildings and Take Things Away' did just that. The short term future of **R-FM** is now in doubt, as is likewise with a number of other stations, while they sit back and take stock. The likelihood is that **R-FM** are about to take a holiday for a few weeks, until things start to calm down again. So look out for the return of **R-FM** after Easter.

The continuing high rate of busts has meant that a number of 'hobby' stations have had to re-appraise their role. While the big 7/24 stations have the resources of advertising and sponsorship behind them, the hobby stations' only resources are their own bare hands, plus what can be collected in the weekly whip-round in the pub.

It looks as though **Golden Groovers** are turning into a growth industry. A so far un-named oldies station was heard briefly on Saturday evening on 96.80, but was being badly crushed in the mush between two legal stations. **MAGIC FM** are going with the slogan 'Oldies on FM - not AM' to show their superiority to **Capital's Gold AM** service. News arrived this week of two further weekend **Golden Groovers**. **Herts. Local Radio** are soon to change their name to **WGFM**, and with a new site, hope to get well into London. A second north London weekend service is on its way within a week or two. **Veronica** have had to take an enforced holiday, but will be back in the next few weeks.

Targeted this week for the Sunday bust were **SKY RADIO** (91.70), back Monday evening and **JOY RADIO** (97.85), having missed the previous weekend. Apart from **R-FM** in the south on Sunday, **MAGIC** had a special visit from the **DoTI** men and were taken out on Saturday. North of the Thames, **LAZER** had returned in the week and had been taken out within hours. Sunday saw **Q 102** (102.40 st.) go down within twelve hours of returning from their previous bust. The two Greek stations, **GRL** (97.95) and **GCR** (104.45) both went down on Sunday. **STAGE RADIO** (98.15) have moved away from their previous base and, in a new site with a very big signal, were testing continuously over the weekend. They were thought to have been taken out by 'The Soul Destroyers' when they suddenly disappeared in the early hours of Sunday morning, but it turned out to be just a power failure. This should be fixed by next week and live programmes should follow. Similarly, soul weekenders **STARPOINT** (93.15) went the same way, with a technical fault taking them out for twenty four hours. To compensate, they ran on into the early hours of Monday morning. A possibly similar reason could account for the returned soul weekender, **STUDIO FM** (92.65) missing on Saturday evening, but blasting back on Sunday morning. With **GRL** and **STAGE** out of the way on Sunday, a foreign language station could be heard coming up on 98.20. This could be the new Spanish outlet, which has been rumoured for some time. However, it has only been heard the once.

Despite the high harassment rate being experienced in the East End, **COMMUNITY RADIO NETWORK** (90.60) have re-grouped and have decided to try again. They are now squeezed in between near-neighbours, **SUPREME** (90.50) and near-relatives, Brixton's **LIGHTNING** (90.90), which means that they are not now heard in most of the south. They are also believed to have moved base to a more northerly sector of town. **LONDON ARAB** (89.65), who had come up on Monday 20th had gone within 24 hours and have not been heard since. The previous Saturday, an unidentified station had been heard on 89.60, and what is believed to be the same station was caught on Saturday 25th, on 89.75, working under the name **CHIC**, and thought to be coming out of north west London. Still in the East End, and the two associated stations of **Harp FM** and **WLIB** are both examining more secure sites to put their operations into. Negotiations are now believed to be reaching a final stage and they hope to be back in the near future.

Heard this week were..... **SUNRISE** (88.75)... **CHIC** (89.75)... **RJR** (90.00)... **RTR** (90.25)... **SUPREME** (90.50)... **CRN** (90.60)... **LIGHTNING** (90.90)... **SKY** (91.70)... **RFL** (92.10)... **CRYSTAL** (92.35)... **STUDIO** (92.65)... **STAR** (93.00)... **STARPOINT** (93.15)... **R-FM** (94.25)... **CCR** (94.35)... **LONDON** (94.50)... **Oldies** (96.80)... **SIR** (? 97.00)... **JOY** (97.85)... **GRL** (97.85)... **STAGE** (98.15)... Spanish (98.20)... **WLR** (102.00)... **WBIS** (102.20)... **Q 102** (102.40 st.)... **SLR** (102.80)... **ACR** (103.35)... **PEOPLES** (103.65 st.)... **GCR** (104.45)... **MAGIC** (105.35)... **STOMP** (105.40 st.)... Reggae (106.25) and Soul (105.85)... a total of 33 stations logged."

Manchester / Cheshire : Once again there is very little activity in this area. **WBLS** (102.4) are back on the air, but only intermittently, and were noted all last weekend, and also on Wednesday (1st March). No other stations have been monitored, although carriers have been active on both 103.6 (Laser?) and 104.8 (Unity?) at times. **Radio Rag** are expected on this weekend, on 105.0MHz, with a special broadcast for the annual 55 mile sponsored walk by University students, which begins on Friday night. Although not heard by us, it is thought that **Outlook 96.3** were on the air Sunday evening.

Staffordshire : **Laser 98** (97.9) commenced broadcast about 14:00 on Sunday 26th February, and were giving out a local telephone number. The phone was being manned at 19:30 by Ian Glover, when the station broke into the record at

19:45 saying that they had to leave the air immediately due to 'unwanted visitors'. The transmitter then cut off and no more was heard. The station sprang into life again on Wednesday night (1st March), at 20:24, with Ian Glover apologising for the break in transmission on Sunday. He did not go into any detail, but played all the requests taken on the phone line on Sunday night.

Merseyside : A disappointing weekend brought no stations at all on Saturday (25th). Sunday morning didn't fare any better, and it wasn't until lunchtime that the medium wave band saw some free radio activity in the form of **Radio Atlantis** on the usual 1197kHz. Stephen Bishop was heard, with listeners letters interspersed between the music. No reason for the non-appearance on Saturday was noted. Once again, the station appeared on the Monday (27th) after missing the previous Saturday. Nothing was noted on FM by us, but **CD-FM** were active on Sunday evening (26th Feb.) on 105.0MHz (they usually use 105.2). They were heard from 22:26, with two presenters Kev Rogers and Edward Lamb. The strong stereo signal was unusual in that the two deejays were each heard speaking on a different channel.

Now onto the **Radio Merseywaves** case. The new date for the hearing is Tuesday 7th March, at Birkenhead Magistrates Court. The cases are listed for 09:30 in court number 4, although as is usual, this is the earliest they will be heard. Keith the Chief has now received a summonse, even though he was not involved in the broadcast in question.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire : The latest DTI tactic in West Yorkshire, is to either call, or visit the premises of any telephone numbers being given out over the air. Huddersfield's **Virgin FM** closed two weeks ago because of threats over the phone, and the latest to fall prey is **Thunder Radio**, whose phone operator was apparently visited last week and threatened by the Men from the Ministry. As far as we know, Thunder have not closed down because of this setback.

After approaching the end of their first full week of broadcasting, **NLV Radio** (105.5-stereo) in Keighley were visited by the DTI on Friday lunchtime, 24th February. The transmitter was taken and a receipt left. The station stated that they would return the following day, and duly did, at 05:30, only to be raided a second time, at 13:10 on Monday. Once again, they lost just a transmitter (and gained yet another DTI receipt!). They hoped to be back on Tuesday, this time with a more securely placed transmitter, but it wasn't until Wednesday afternoon, that 105.5MHz became alive once more. A few miles away, in Bradford, strange things were happening at the premises of **Paradise City Radio** (104.9-stereo). The station had been operating non-stop, all week, but they suddenly cut off at 16:30 on Friday afternoon (24th). They returned to the air and were noted testing at 21:00. On Saturday morning they were announcing a telephone number, and requesting reception reports. A quick call to the station revealed that the station had had a visit from the police the previous afternoon. They appeared with cameras, and went around the studio and premises taking photographs. No-one was booked however. It is presumed that these will probably be inspected by any future raiding party, to gain quick entry to the premises for the next raid. Why else would they need them? A similar incident is also understood to have occurred on Saturday afternoon. Since the new aerial system was installed, we have not been able to receive the station in Blackpool, but reports indicate that it is reaching into Derbyshire and South Yorkshire with good results. Elsewhere in the city, we believe that **Harmony Radio** (105.3) were missing for a time, but both they and **T.C.R.** (104.5) have been noted this week.

Across in Leeds, **Rapid FM** (105.1) have operated each day, and the mystery of the station on 104.6MHz has finally been solved. Last Sunday, it was clearly identifying as **WYBC 104.6**, from Leeds. Later on that day, the full name was given as the **West Yorkshire Broadcasting Corporation**. Another outlet, presumably spurious, has also been noted on 98.2MHz.

Further south, in Derbyshire, **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) made a broadcast on Friday evening (24th). Over the weekend, **Rebel Radio** were heard on 105.3MHz, on Sunday evening between 19:00 and 21:06. This was a one off broadcast for a Sunday using the old tx, and they returned again the following evening, with the high power transmitter on 105.4, for their regular Monday evening broadcast. **Radio Britannia** (98.2) were not noted last weekend, having now dropped

any regular Friday slots, and are now broadcasting with no set programming times. This week, the station was heard daily; between 11:30 and 13:00, with good response from the listeners at this peak time.

Nottingham : All seems to be going well for **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.0), and following the two raids during the previous week, they have operated 24 hours per day this week. Several new deejays have been noted, as well as some who have not been heard since the early days of the station.

Essex / Kent : Both **Stomp FM** (105.4) and **Underground Surrealistic Radio** (105.2) were audible in the Thames Estuary area last Sunday. Following our mention a couple of issues ago, that Eric Gotts had been seen at several station sites in Essex, Chelmsford's **Inner City Radio** (105.6) had a visit from the DTI on Sunday, and were put off the air.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Saturday 25th February 1989.

6205kHz...ACTION RADIO, at 09:30gmt.
6230kHz...WABC, at 12:58gmt.
6230kHz...WLR, at 13:58gmt.
6276kHz...DELTA RADIO, at 12:20gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:53gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 11:55gmt.

Log for Sunday 26th February 1989.

6230kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 10:02gmt.
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:26gmt.
6232kHz...UNID., at 11:08gmt.
6239kHz...UNID., at 10:22gmt.
6247kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:15gmt.
6266kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 11:11gmt.
6268kHz...UNID.(Dutch), at 09:05gmt.
6273kHz...ROCK RADIO INT., at 09:39gmt.
6280kHz...M.R.B.C., at 10:17gmt.
6280kHz...W.L.R., at 12:44gmt.
6317kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 13:31gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11:00gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO ORION, at 14:11gmt.
6874kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 09:54gmt.
7290kHz...RADIO PACMAN, at 10:33gmt.
7315kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 09:07gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 08:30gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO D.J., at 10:30gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:50gmt.
7440kHz...4IFR, at 09:57gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO GAGA INT., at 11:05gmt.

Conditions today were quite good, with most stations being audible throughout the morning. Logs in **bold print** were heard in Blackpool, with others kindly being supplied by Dave in Norwich, Stuart in Staffs., Peter in Gloucester, South Surrey Monitoring, Ronald in Derbyshire, Neal in the Midlands and Ken in Yorkshire.

No details of the Saturday operations are at hand and it is not known whether WABC was a tape, or live, or even if it was the Irish pirate or not.

Britain Radio International were putting out a good signal, but due to their proximity to Vatican Radio, listeners without a 'narrow band' switch on their receivers, were getting a nasty whistle.

The unidentified station on 6270kHz. was from Holland, and announcing a test transmission. An address was given out, but not copied due to local electrical interference.

The station on 6232kHz. (approx.) was heterodyning with Jolly Roger Radio, and we were unable to ascertain who it was. Disco music was being played, and the modulation was low.

Radio Pacman was announcing a test transmission, and was only heard briefly, before signing off.

Radio East Coast Commercial were also announcing 11480kHz., however due to transmitter problems, this channel will not be tested fully until this coming Sunday (5th). Reception reports for the new channel are requested.

Jock Wilson writes and tells us that the 48m band SW relay service will recommence very soon. Any station without a transmitter should contact him at 23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh 14, without delay, for full details of the Sunday morning relay service.

The usual thanks to all contributors for the abundance of information and the like... keep it coming!

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NEW MERCHANDISE: In time for the 25th birthday celebrations at Easter, new stickers... "Radio CAROLINE 558 - Europe's Premier Music Station"..... Superb design,

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the inside variety, adhesive and in red, black and green, on a white background. Size, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "... price 60p each or 2 for £1.00. In order to keep down the price, no postage has been added, therefore the stickers will be despatched with the following week's WR, or with an additional order. Alternatively, enclose an SAE for instant despatch.... The very last edition of *Wavelength*, issue 25, is now in stock, with 24 x A5 pages of news and features concerning pirate radio. Always an interesting read and sales of this last issue look 'set fair', so to speak, so order your copy now at 90p, including post and packing. Also, still available, issue 24 (90p) and to clear the shelves for new items, issues 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 15, 13, 11, 10, 6, 5 and 3 (50p).

NEW ARRIVALS: *Horizon*, issue 8 from the Caroline Movement - Thanet Branch looks at 25 years of Radio Caroline in its 20 x A5 pages. Most interesting and definitely the best issue to date, a must for offshore radio fans, so order your copy at once from 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ, enclosing a decent sized SAE, plus two first class stamps, or a donation in lieu.....

Medium Wave News, vol: 34, No.9 from Medium Wave Circle, with 20 x A5 pages of logs, news and features. To join the circle, write for details to... Harold Emblem, 137a Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY.....

<< FRS * GOES * DX >>, vol7, issue 80. This 20 x A5 page magazine has rapidly become one of the foremost arrivals, with excellent lay out, printing and content. No longer restricted to SW, they now cover offshore, Irish, satellite and much more, and all in English. Send today for details to FRS Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland....

C.L.C.G. Magazine, issue 140, covering offshore, short wave, Irish and land-based (Germany), this publication is totally in German, but contains many logs and newspaper cuttings. Details from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... still from Germany, but all in English, we received *Radiotelex*, issue 145 with 4 x

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

A5 sides of SW logs and station news. Details from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany..... from Italy, mostly in English, *Play-DX*, issue 540 with 6 x A4 sides here, packed with long distance logs from the higher frequencies, plus international news.... *Communication*, edition 172, the monthly journal of the British DX club. 28 x A5 pages here, lots of logs and DX news, include pirate, plus reader correspondence. Details of joining the club available from Colin Wright, 54 Birkhall Road, Catford, London SE6 1TE..... *Now Radio*, issue 99, the weekly radio read from Kettering, has 32 x A5 pages, many of which are devoted to latest ILR listening figures. Little pirate news, but at least it is all radio. Details? P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN1 0NW.

TAPE OFFERS: Please note that quite often, delays do occur with despatch of 'tape offers'; simply due to demand. If you receive an order back with tapes missing, these will follow in due course (usually only a few days). In response to numerous calls for a current Don Allen recording, following the recent 'Caroline North' tape from 1968, we now offer as Tape 238, *Radio Star Country* featuring Don Allen, assisted by station owner, Gerry Byrne on the many promos and adverts aired on the station. Recorded last Tuesday 7th March, from 10:31 to 12:04gmt. off air (their only outlet on 981kHz.), the music content is totally country, Irish and American, but the presentation is first class for this type of station. A must for the collector! Tape 239 features a 'one off' broadcast for 'Comic Relief' Day, from non other than 'Red Nose Radio'. This was a special station broadcasting from Merseyside on 104.9MHz. run by Radio Merseywaves and North Coast Radio staff, and began at 03:00 on Friday 10th March. At time of writing the station is still broadcasting, so we have yet to decide which 90 minute segment of the broadcast to pick. For every copy of the Red Nose Radio tape sold, 50p will be donated to the 'Comic Relief' charity. As usual all recordings are made on C-90 cassettes and cost £2.00 each.

SATELLITE TAPES: Recorded direct (no dubs), we have available... Cable One (Anglo-Dutch), Radio Ten (Dutch), Sky Radio (English, 'soft pop', automated), Star*sat Radio (German), The Super Station (Richard Branson's, but definitely not living up to its title!), VOA - Europe (some good music here!), BBC World Service, Radio Luxembourg German service and more. Priced at £2 each, or 3 for £5, the tapes are C.90's but do not have AUK labels, just a simple white typed identification label slipped inside.

SPECIAL OCCASION: Join the CM Thanet branch for the Caroline 25th Birthday Celebrations. The event will be held in Bromley, Kent on Saturday 1st April, starting at 15:00 and running late into the evening. Tickets on sale at £2, but full details are available from Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton St., Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 4JQ, enclosing an SAE... tel: (0843) 821112.

FOR SALE: A fairly big Dublin pirate, who closed down on the last day of '88, has 2 professional FM rigs and 1 homebrew AM rig to dispose of. Powers are 300w, 100w and 500w respectively. Prices are extremely reasonable but they would have to be collected from Dublin by the buyer. Tel AUK / Barrie on (0253) 882017 for more info.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

For anyone not terribly familiar with current events in Ireland, last month's oral presentations by 13 Dublin candidates, and the subsequent declaration of the two winners, may not mean too much, as far as exactly who was involved, to many people. Briefly, in a paragraph, what happened was this... The pirate stations were told to close on 30th December 1988 and invited to apply, along with anyone else, for one of two licences for the Dublin area. All duly

closed, with one exception, Radio Dublin, who defied everything and everybody (again) and gained a tremendous lot of respect from the younger public in general. Despite being told that if they continued they could not put in an application to go legal, Radio Dublin did and was considered on a level footing with the other 12 hopefuls, which seemed slightly irregular, but they were not successful, however, so there ends that story. Radio Dublin was the only one to apply using their own name. All the others applied with new names, some existing pirate stations took on 'respectable and known personalities' and 'pillars of society', and, of course, the inevitable backers. Some station employees / partners / directors joined other groups applying, giving their knowledge of radio. The successful ones, Radio 2000 and Capital Radio, had Mike Hogan and Martin Block from Q 102 in the team, in the latter case, and a couple of names from national radio, RTE, in the case of the former. The biggest surprise, better described as a shock, was the failure of Sunshine to get a licence. Everyone was convinced they would, including the station management. Maybe they were too confident, who knows. Other names noted, who were also unsuccessful too, included Bill Cunningham, formerly of Sunshine and Q 102, the man who claims to have re-built radio in Dublin, Jimmy Smith of Treble T.R., John May of Class, the team from Millenium, most of whom were ex pirates, Dennis Murray from Kiss and more besides.

Since the above, hearings have taken place in Cork, and on Wednesday last in Limerick, although nothing has been made known as regards successful applicants, as yet.

Co. Dublin: As we printed last week's edition, on Friday afternoon (3rd), we learnt that Radio Dublin continued to broadcast, albeit on low power, on about 100MHz. plus other odd frequencies (possibly relayed by enthusiasts?). Adrian St. James and Paul Downey have been heard on the station, names from early in the history of Radio Dublin. Also, Mike Wilson was mentioned, as also being busy making tapes. Announcements such as 'This is Radio Dublin operating from the bunker', have been heard, suggesting that wherever the current studio / transmitter site is, that it is well hidden. 'The Captain' did his regular news bulletin about the station at 13:45 on Sunday 26th February and again on Sunday 5th March, and stated that he could not say too much about his plans for the station, due to the authorities listening in, but vowed to continue, although erratically and certainly not 24 hours per day. He was seeking more staff, or even taped shows to play. If anyone fancied making some tapes, he said to drop them in, or post them to the station address in Inchicore Road. He was also after a diesel generator to replace the petrol one currently in use, as he said that petrol ones were never made for such long operation. He constantly mentions the need for transmitters if anyone can help in this respect. In the latter 'news broadcast', he said he was tempted to go back on AM, seeing that it had been three weeks since they were last raided, but said they would wait until they had better studio facilities. He went on to say that he could not understand why they had not been raided again, and also went on to mention court cases and said the main one was due to be heard in early April.

During the previous week, Radio Dublin was on each day, but for varying lengths of time and with several unavoidable breaks noted. An ambitious plan for an outside broadcast, mentioned in the 'news' of 26th Feb., actually took place on Thursday evening, 30th, at about 20:07. and lasted for 45 minutes. It came from the Silver Granite Public Bar in Palmerstown and apparently went very well indeed.

We have been asked to point out however, that in the absence of any telephones, contact (requests, etc.) with the station is still possible by post. It is not an offence to write to the station, whose address remains Radio Dublin, 58 Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. Your support would be appreciated, especially at this time. Finally, a quite extensive article appeared in the Irish 'Hot Press' magazine and we are currently seeking a copy of this.

Little else has been noted on air with odd exceptions, Z 100 on 103.8, Hospital Radio on 97.4 and Orbit on 106.0MHz. (all noted on Sunday 26th Feb., for short periods), and on Thursday afternoon, 2nd March, a Radio Bowle on 105.7MHz.

As regards the unsuccessful applicants for a licence, it appears that trouble is brewing in this quarter, according to reports and a piece in the press...."Dublin Radio - Legal Battle Looms"... 'A major legal battle is looming over Dublin's new radio stations, with some of the unsuccessful applicants

planning a high court challenge over the granting of two franchises, it emerged last night. The Independent Radio and Television Commission secretary, Mr Sean Connolly, confirmed last night that he was aware of reports that there were possible legal moves underway, but stressed that the IRTC had not yet received any formal notification from any group.

A high court injunction seeking a conditional order of judicial review of the franchise awards is being considered by a number of unsuccessful bidders, it is understood. One of the grounds on which a challenge may be mounted concerns the legal power of the commission to grant only two licences.

It is understood the possible court threat follows a meeting in Dublin last Saturday at which legal advice was sought by some of the bidders who failed to obtain a franchise.'

Co. Monaghan : Radio Star Country (981kHz.) received some good publicity last Friday (3rd March) during the BBC TV programme 'Arena'. The programme took the form of following a country music artist on a trip around Ireland, starting in Belfast, and then travelling to Monaghan, where he visited the studios of Radio Star Country and held an interview live on the air with Gerry Byrne. With this being one of only two stations left in the whole of Ireland playing country music, it was an obvious stop off for this artist to promote himself. The station itself has carried on un-hindered again this week, with no noticeable breaks. Gerry and Don Allen continue to host the daytime shows, alternating between afternoon and morning, with Larry Burns and Tony West advertised as being on air later (when we lose the signal due to darkness). The daytime signal is excellent, adverts are well and truly a-plenty and station promos are strongly featured, in fact its a long time since a station identified as heavily as this one. They always use the same country music record as backing (does anyone know what it's called?), with either Gerry, Don, or since this week, a new, very clear female (Dublin?) voice.

Co. Donegal: Northside Radio continue to be monitored daily on 846kHz. (also on 97.9MHz., locally), however the signal varies greatly, one day it's almost inaudible, the next, loud and clear. Maybe its the changeable weather conditions, rather than varying transmitter output power.

Co. Galway: No word from this quarter, so we assume that Quincentennial Radio continues on 98.4MHz., locally.

OFF-SHORE STATIONS: It doesn't seem that long, but on 4th March, it was 5 years since the last of the tests on 729kHz from the m.v. Communicator. Broadcasts resumed some 2½ months later on the more successful 558kHz.

Caroline 558 : A change of staff occurred last Thursday (2nd March). As well as Pat Brooks re-joining after a long period away, Steve Conway made a welcome return to the air, although it wasn't until Saturday that he was actually heard. The station has continued to close each night at 01:00 since the middle of last week, including Saturday and Sunday. Steve made his first appearance at 21:00 on Saturday, when he read the news. During this bulletin, he stated that as of Sunday, news every hour, would be dropped, following a two month trial period. The news service has now returned to what it was a year ago, at only peak times. Steve hosted his first programme at 09:00 on Sunday (5th). Monday (6th) saw Rob Harrison on breakfast, with Steve Conway taking over at 10:00. He announced that he would be programming until 15:00, however he carried on, and didn't finish until 20:00 (a ten hour shift!). During this programme, Steve said that Caroline Martin and Dave Asher were having a rest, following a lot of hard work. Also on Monday dinnertime (6th), Steve Conway told everyone who was listening, how they could come out and see the Ross Revenge on Easter Sunday, in the comfort and safety of an Olau ferry. The CM address was given out for everyone to write to for more details. He also said that they had received thousands of letters and cards from their new Spanish mail drop address. By Tuesday, the line-up had changed again and was back to normal hours, with Caroline Martin and Dave Asher returning to the air... 05:00 Rob Harrison... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Dave Asher... 16:00 Steve Conway (the return of 'Powerdrive')... 19:00 Andy Bradgate... 21:00 Pat Brooks... 01:00 Closedown. This line-up carried on until Thursday, when at 21:00 non-stop music was played. A new advert, for the previously mentioned Olau ferry trip was played at 21:11 (with a well known CM voice), and at 21:25 someone identifying himself as 'Coconut' came on the air. Whether this is Mike Dixon is not known. 24 hour operation has now resumed, with Mike Watts being heard

between 01:00 and 05:00 this morning (Friday 10th). **World Mission Radio** (6215kHz. - shortwave) returned to the air on Saturday 4th March, after a period of one week off the air. Programmes appeared to be back to normal, with WMR Goes DX being heard at 10:00 that day. However, on Sunday morning, when many of the religious programmes were due for airing, there was just a blank carrier until just after mid-day, when programmes resumed. Monday morning (6th) again saw a blank carrier in the morning and when we checked during the afternoon, the transmitter had gone off. The service has been operating as normal since Tuesday. **LAND-BASED STATIONS : U.K.** Due to postal delays, the 'London Weekend Survey' did not arrive in time this week, and so will be included in the next issue.

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire : Even as we began printing last week, a telephone call informed us that **NLV Radio** (105.5) in Keighley, had suffered its third raid within seven days. Once again the transmitter was taken, and a receipt left. Council men with bolt cutters were used to get at the tx, in a raid which involved 13 persons. The DTI then went knocking on doors to find the studio location, which they didn't. Stations which haven't been touched include **Paradise City Radio** (104.9) and **T.C.R.** (104.5) in Bradford, and **Rapid FM** (105.1) and **WYBC** (104.6) in Leeds. **Harmony FM** has not been heard for a while. Further south **Rebel Radio** (105.4) may well have been heard for the last time on Monday (6th), following interference allegations in a local newspaper. **Radio Britannia** is also off for a while due to other problems. **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) were noted on Sunday (5th). A new operation called **City Sound Radio** (10.9) was heard testing last week. Finally, **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) have operated without problems.

Midlands : First official broadcasts from **Outlook's** (96.8) Birmingham service were due to commence last Monday, 6th March, and indeed were noted between 21:00 and 22:30. A new station calling itself **WPGC** (105.5) was heard with test transmissions on Wednesday evening. This is a sister station to **WR Shropshire** (98.0) and was first on the air over the Christmas period. **WR** itself had problems on 26th February, and due to the weather (snow!), the broadcast was abandoned. A test was put out on 98MHz. on the evening of 8th March. Their next full broadcast is scheduled for

12:00 until 15:00 on 26th March, possibly on both 98 and 105.5MHz. **UK Radio** were heard on Sunday 5th March on three frequencies of 1413kHz medium wave, 99.1 and 105.5MHz.

Around Birmingham, **Powerhouse Radio** (105.1) who have been operating without problems recently, albeit on reduced hours, went missing on Wednesday (8th). It is not known if they were raided again. Also missing on Wednesday night were **Power 92** (92.1-stereo), although a blank carrier was in evidence. **Power 92** have been operating 24 hours per day in recent weeks. Also noted over the weekend were **Metro FM** (104.9), **Skyline Radio** (94.3), and **Radio Sangam** (89.9), all Friday/Saturday/Sunday, **Quest FM** (103.5-Saturday/Sunday), and **Rise FM** (104.3-Sunday).

Worcester : Station reported heard in this area recently, include **WR-FM** (103.5), **Z-100** (100.0), **Radio West 'Gold'** (107.5) and **Radio Sunshine** (between 98 and 100MHz.). No schedules are known for any of these stations.

Merseyside : Activity is building up once more in this area. **Radio Atlantis** (1197) operated their normal schedule this weekend, and were noted from 10:00 on both Saturday (4th) and Sunday (5th). Apparently, the reason for the missing Saturdays recently, has been that the DTI has been in the area at the time broadcasts were to begin, making it look as though a raid was imminent. **North Coast Radio** (1350) returned to the air on Saturday morning, and also programmed through Sunday. However, although we didn't actually hear it ourselves, the station signed off quickly at 16:00 due to location problems. On checking later, a carrier could still be heard on 1350kHz at 23:00. The signal was slightly down on previous broadcasts, and the audio was 'clipping' a little at high levels. They had been having tx trouble recently, and this was the reason for their absence the previous week. No stations were heard by us on FM.

Tuesday (7th March) saw the **Radio Merseywaves** court case..... 'Your roving reporter, invited by the Merseywaves crew, travelled to Wirral Magistrates Court in Birkenhead, to view the proceedings. Unfortunately, due to a wrong turning (missed the tunnel!!), he arrived a few minutes late. However, even if he had arrived on time it is doubtful whether he would have been able to sit in and watch, due to some strange happenings. It appears that the accused (Michelle and Deejay C) were called in to Court 4 at 10:15am, along with many supporters, who filled the room to capacity. The case was immediately adjourned (for the second time!) until 4th April, we believe again due to the non-appearance of Keith The Chief, who despite previous reports, still had not been summonsed. At hearing this, all the supporters began to leave and make their way home. Being the last out, the defendants then heard a request for them to return for some reason. The doors were then closed, and the case against the two began. Neither your roving reporter, nor any of the supporters could regain entry. It appears that this could have been a deliberate move on behalf of the prosecution, to get the defendants on their own, without any support from the rear. Whatever the reason, it seemed a strange way for a court to operate. After 30 minutes or so, Michelle and Deejay C emerged, and it was discovered that no fines had been given, but costs of £150 and a conditional discharge had been incurred in each case. All equipment was confiscated, but the magistrate ordered that the records and tapes be returned. The prosecution's solicitor was understood to have asked for £800 costs, due to the delays in the case being brought. However the defendants' solicitor stated that it was not their fault that the case had been adjourned previously (due to Keith the Chief not being summonsed as the DTI had wanted). A further case is due on 4th April and we hope to bring you another report!... Many thanks to the hospitality shown by both the Merseywaves and North Coast staff, as well as the endless cups of tea kindly supplied by Dave Collins. It was during the visit that it was discovered a venture was being planned between many of the staff of RMW and NCR to go under the name 'Red Nose Radio'. This station was planned for 'Comic Relief Day' on several frequencies (2 AM and 1 FM). Problems were encountered mid-week however, due to transmitter availability, and in the end, after much hard work in the early hours of Friday morning, **Red Nose Radio** came on the air at 03:00 with D.L.C., on 104.9MHz. Transmissions were only in mono, but the signal got out very well, reaching us in Blackpool, using a power of about 70 watts. It's certainly good to see co-operation between stations for such an event.

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Essex : Last time we reported that Inner City Radio were raided by the DTI on 26th February. The station was back this Sunday (5th) again on 105.6MHz. During the raid, a local farmer, (who had previously refused permission for the DTI to cross his land), is alleged to have been on the receiving end of a punch from Essex DTI official Peter Gooding. Since we heard about this, a further report tells us that the farmer is about to take out legal proceedings against this official, for assault. Also heard last Sunday were Stomp FM (105.4).

Glasgow / Renfrewshire : Northside Radio (103.4) are once again broadcasting every Tuesday evening from 20:00 to 22:00. An address was being given out, but not noted.

Staffordshire : Laser 98 (97.9) were on the air much of last weekend, with a strong stereo signal reaching down as far as Birmingham.

Manchester / Cheshire : As predicted last time, Radio Rag (105.0) made a brief appearance on Friday night / Saturday morning (3rd/4th) with a special broadcast for the annual 55 mile sponsored walk. The station operated through the night, and closed down at around 10:45 on Saturday morning. A report from north Wales informs of its reception there, but weakly, understandably. Elsewhere in the Manchester area, Laser 103.5 were back on the air mid-week, following carriers being noted on 103.55MHz. They are now operating at some time during each day, as are WBLS (102.4), both of whom broadcast to the Moss Side area of the city. Superfresh were reported on Wednesday, on 98.3MHz. Outlook (96.3) made its regular Sunday evening religious broadcast to the North West between 20:00 and 22:45 on 5th March.

Bristol : With DTI activity against free radio stations increasing of late, the worst was feared on Friday 24th February, when, after a period of regular transmissions, Bristol's Amalgamated Deejays (105.2-mono) failed to appear. Nothing appeared until Sunday evening at 18:21, when a carrier was noted, followed by jingles and then full

programming. Signal strength and audio quality were the same as before, suggesting that there had been no change of location. It could have been that the DoTI Men were lurking in the area however, as at 01:00 on 1st March, the Men from the Ministry swooped, with a dual raid on both the studio and transmitter locations of B.A.D. Radio. The DTI had most likely studied the operation well before swooping, in a successful attempt to remove both sets of equipment, thus creating maximum damage to the organisation. The usual allegations of interference were made, although it is interesting to note that recently, local radio 'hams' (many licensed ones!), have been criticised by the authorities for impairing television reception (something B.A.D. is also accused of). At the time of writing (6th March), B.A.D. radio is still off the air, but no doubt all their staff are working hard to get the station back on the air.

So, just one station remains on the air in Bristol, it being Savage Yet Tender Radio (104.4-stereo). Programming was a problem during their transmission on 26th February, in addition to the continuing hassles from the BBC Wiltshire tests. For three hours, there was a repeat of 'Modges Wonderland of Sound' first broadcast on 18th December 1988. This was followed by a repeat of 'Nathan Yet's' punk rock show, aired on 19th February. Later on, some programmes were aired which were not repeats. Their broadcast on 5th March got out a little better, and carried a full schedule from 15:30, beginning with the 'Climb Every Mountain' show, which will now only be broadcast once a month. Replacement programmes have been promised. Rock and punk music was played between 18:30 and 20:00, when the long-standing 'Doug Savage and Pete Tender' show appeared, having amended its title slightly to 'Doug Savage, Pete Tender and Craig' show, following the recent arrival of the latter. S.Y.T. are assumed to have completed their transmissions in the early hours of 6th March.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Saturday 4th March 1989.

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:45gmt.
6275kHz...DELTA RADIO, at 11:45gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:57gmt.

Log for Sunday 5th March 1989.

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 12.05gmt.
6230kHz...UNID. (Radio Pirate?), at 10:36gmt.
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 09.42gmt.
6242kHz...RADIO WAHNSINN ???, at 09:50gmt.
6257kHz...UNID. (foreign), at 11:56gmt.
6267kHz...RADIO PACMAN, at 13:51gmt.
6272kHz...ROCK RADIO INT., at 10:02gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:46gmt.
6299kHz...4FWS / SWINGING RADIO ENGLAND, at 12:45gmt.
6299kHz...OSCAR BRAVO 55 (QSO), at 14:51gmt.
6320kHz...W.L.R., at 12:07gmt.
6815kHz...UK 212 (RADIO), at 10:48gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:00gmt.
6870kHz...UNID. (non stop music), at 11:31gmt.
6874kHz...I.R.R.S., at 10:14gmt.
6874kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 10:56gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 08:55gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 09:35gmt.
7385kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:40gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 09:28gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:25gmt.

Conditions today were quite poor early and the band was rather noisy, especially around 6.2/6.3MHz. These improved however and some excellent signals were noted around midday. The logs in **BOLD PRINT** are ours from Blackpool, others were kindly supplied by Stuart in Staffs., Neal West in the midlands, Roy in Derby, Peter in Gloucester, Ken in Scotland, and Ken in Yorkshire.

6215kHz. which had returned to the air on Saturday, after a seven day absence, carried only a blank carrier until around midday. 'WMR Goes DX' thus failed to appear, although it was broadcast the previous day at 10:00gmt.

The unidentified on 6230kHz., reported as early as 09:42gmt., was not Jolly Roger and may possibly have been Maple Leaf Radio, although 'Radio Pirate' was noted, but

maybe this was a description rather than a name!

The station on 6242kHz. was using the Wuppertal address, and although logged here, we could not identify it fully. The station programme ended at about 09:55, and this was followed by another two records, and an announcement by a different voice. The transmitter then left the air at 10:00. According to Radiotelex, this could have been Radio Wahnsinn, who are being relayed via Radio East Coast Holland as of 5th March. This could also have been the unidentified station we logged on 6239kHz. last week.

6257kHz. remains a mystery and sounded French for the brief period it was noted.

Rock Radio International announced that they would only be broadcasting fortnightly from now on. This was said to be due to the extra time required to record programmes for a new FM service called Triangle Night Time Radio on 98.5MHz., which is to be broadcast across the North coast of Northern Ireland. Word from the operators informs us that problems with their SW signal being re-broadcast through a local church's faulty P.A. system, is causing another change of plan (and broadcasting location), with the result that Rock Radio may be off the air for some time.

The contact address for 4FWS / SRE remains as P.O. Box 7, Venus, Texas 76084, USA, and for W.L.R. is now c/o 21 Green Park, Bath, Avon BA1 1HZ.

WLR are now reported to be using an address of : 21 Green Park, Bath, Avon BA1 1HZ, England.

On 6815kHz., UK 212 announced 105.5MHz and 1413kHz. They left this frequency at 10:48gmt., before Radio East Coast Commercial commenced their regular programme at 11:00. It is not known if this was a 'live' relay, or an old tape. Transmissions on the 6.800MHz. section of the band were quite superb, in particular, Radio East Coast Commercial, who aired their excellent free radio programme up till almost 14:00. For the benefit of people who collect theme tunes, the RECC DX programme theme tune is 'Sock it to 'em, JB' (Part Two) by Rex Garvin and the Mighty Cravers from the sixties (red Atlantic).

The unidentified station on 6870kHz. was playing continuous music. The transmitter cut off at 11:50, and did not return.

Our thanks yet again, to everyone for calls and correspondence, all of which helped compile this edition.

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NEW ARRIVALS: Congratulations are the order of the day, to editor and staff of **Now Radio**, on reaching issue 100. 24 x A5 pages of radio news and information, mainly legal. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW... **Play-DX**, issue 541... 6 x A4 sides of HF logs and international news from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milan... **Contact**, the monthly bulletin of the **WDXC**. A lot of logs, news and correspondence within. Details of becoming a member from A. Ward, 17 Motspur Dr., Northampton NN2 6LY.

SPECIAL OCCASION: Join the CM Thanet branch for the **Caroline 25th Birthday Celebrations**. The event will be held in Bromley, Kent on Saturday 1st April, starting at 15:00 and running late into the evening. Tickets on sale at £2, but full details are available from Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton St., Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 4JQ, enclosing an SAE... tel: (0843) 821112.

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FOR SALE: 100w SW transmitter (Heady Eddie built), used by Rock Radio Int. up to recently. Secure delivery can be arranged. Tel: (0265) 53104 (United Kingdom number).

TAPE OFFER: Tape 240 this week, gives you the chance to hear the very first **Caroline 819 - 'The Overnight Alternative'** which was broadcast on 24th January 1989. The quality is reasonably good. Your host for this first of the split services was Rob Harrison. We intend to offer more of this rock service (and being on late and during the night means not many have the chance to hear it) in the future. Price?... £2 for the C.90 cassette (recorded in Harwich).... Also, satellite station recordings available at £2 each or 3 for £5.00. (See last week's WR for selection).

GENERAL: Apologies for no satellite news this week, lack of space, plus a day off to visit the satellite exhibition in London's Olympia on Thursday, being the reason. We plan coverage of this in next week's issue, hopefully.

Word reaches us via John England / Neal West telling us that Don Pierson is seriously ill in hospital. John thought it might be nice for free radio listeners who remember what Don did to help shape British radio, firstly with Big 'L', then later with Swinging Radio England, to send him get well

cards. The address... c/o 4FWS, P.O. Box 255, Venus, Texas 76084, U.S.A. All cards will be passed on by Don's son, Grey.

RADIO STATION NEWS... IRELAND. First off, we hope everyone had a very enjoyable St. Patrick's Day and many thanks for all your cards.

Little happening over the water this week.... **Radio Dublin** comes on air about 11:30, goes off during the afternoon, returns around 20:00 and closes about 22:30 with the national anthem. They announce FM 101 and programmes are all taped. Eamon Cooke is still after people (anyone at all) to make tapes, especially non-pop music ones (the national service plays all pop) for airing during broadcast hours. They can be sent **Radio Dublin**, Dublin 8. Live programmes may resume this coming week. An Egg Appeal has been put out this week, for under-privileged children. Elsewhere in the city, reported on air were **Radio Martinana** (105.65) on Saturday evening (11th), **K 104** on Sunday (12th) and **Caroline Dublin** (106.0) in the early hours of Monday (13th). The former uses a new name each time he broadcasts. Previously used have been **Radio Gloria** and **Radio Budgie**.

Legally briefly, and a row has developed between 20th Century Communications, operators of the new national radio service, and RTE over the cost of use of transmission facilities. It does not seem likely that the proposed start date of 1st May is likely now to be achieved.... The Cork County licence has gone to **WKLR** and the one for Cork City to members of the Cork Examiner. Kilkenny's went to the only applicant.... In court this week, Robbie Robinson was granted leave to appeal against the licensing issues... **Atlantic 252** is to be the on-air name for **Radio Tara**, due for a September start, according to **Now Radio Magazine**.

Co. Donegal : **Northside Radio** (846) were missing for a few days this week, but had returned by Friday (17th).

Co. Monaghan : **Radio Star Country** (981) continue to defy everyone, broadcasting 24 hours per day, although they were missing for a short time on Friday morning (17th).

OFF-SHORE STATIONS: A couple of important anniversaries occur during this week. March 20th sees the 9th anniversary of the m.v. **Mi Amigo** finally losing its battle with the elements. It was in the early hours of 20th March 1980 that the vessel finally sank in the Thames Estuary. It certainly doesn't seem nine years since that fateful night. Anyone who doesn't remember what happened, can relive those moments by listening to our special tape **SP-3** (£2.50), which features the final broadcast from the **Mi Amigo** as the crew were ready to abandon her. Also included are many of the TV and radio news broadcasts which covered the story during the following day.

On Thursday 16th March it will be 16 years at 19:00, since the first test transmissions from the **Voice of Peace** took place off the coast of New York. Our thanks, as always, to Stuart for that historical information.

The Voice of Peace: The latest news from Gali and Vered.... On Monday 27th February, between 14:00 and 16:00, Abie re-started his phone-ins and talked with listeners about Salman Rushdi's book. Afterwards, a broadcast for the municipal election took place between 16:00 and 18:00, with Aitan Dantsig. Kenny Page returned to the ship on Wednesday 1st March, replacing Ofer Nahshon. Friday 3rd saw a new programme from 11:00 until 12:00 called 'Sihat Nefesh', about sex and psychology, with Dr. Conhowzer. On Sunday (5th March), the **Voice of Peace** left the air at 02:00, and sailed into Ashdod, where John MacDonald went ashore due to an eye infection. The ship sailed back out at noon, and re-commenced broadcasts at 12:20. The line-up for the rest of the day was... 12:20 non-stop music... 13:00 **McLellan Hackney**... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Tony O'Reilly... 19:30 **McLellan Hackney**... 22:00 Dave Lee.

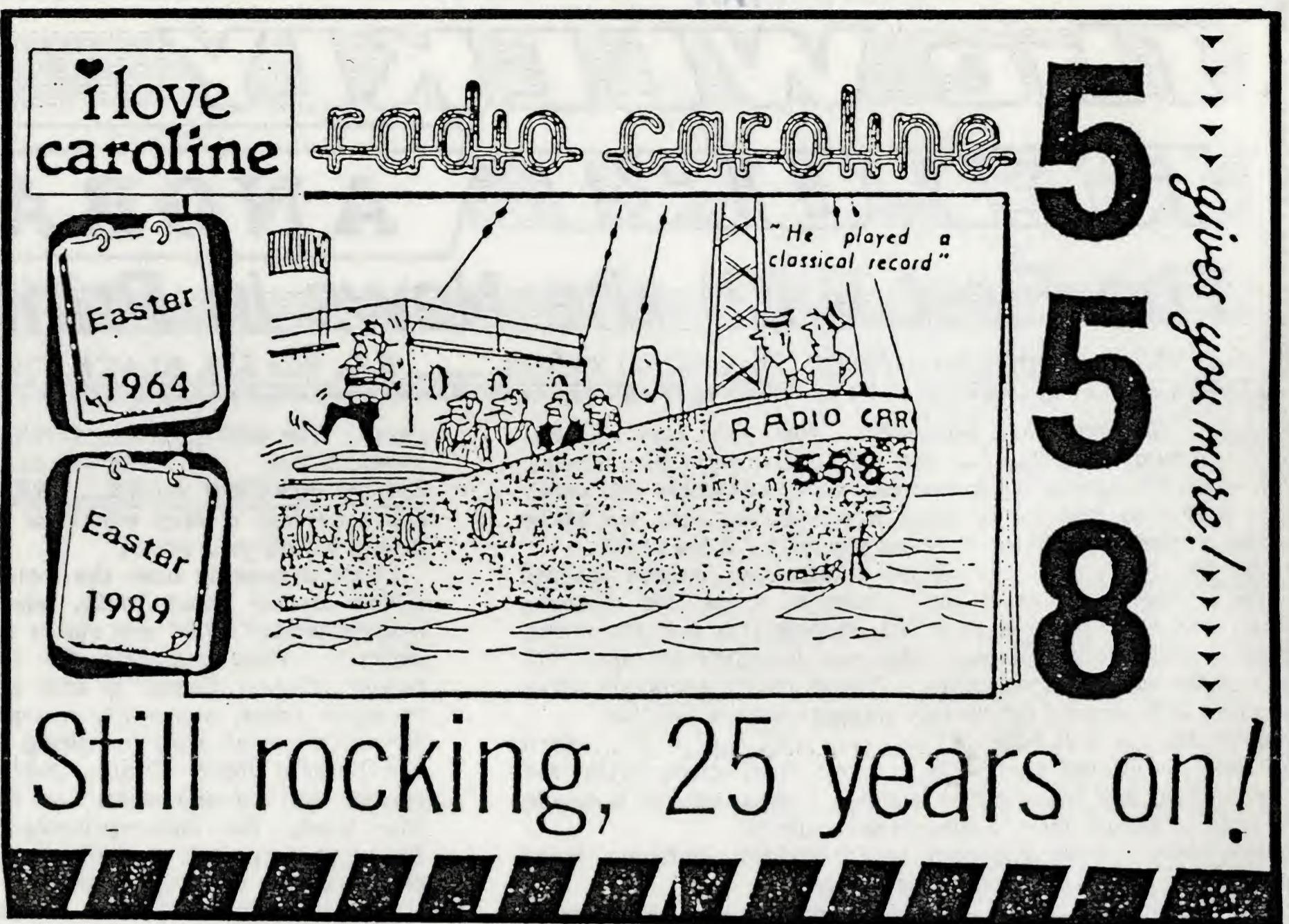
It is understood that at least two new presenters are due to join the ship during March. Ricky Valentine has already arrived in Israel, and Chris Massey is due to fly out on 28th March.

Caroline 558 : We left the story last week, with a change of staff having just taken place again. The new line-up on Friday (10th) read... 01:00 Mike Watts... 05:00 Rob Harrison... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Dave Asher... 16:00 Steve Conway... 19:00 Andy Bradgate... 21:00 "The Coconut". Apart from the early hours of Tuesday (14th) morning, when there was a regular close for essential maintainance, the station has been operating 24 hours since the crew change, with Mike Watts now hosting the 01:00-05:00 slot on a regular basis. Saturday (11th) saw the station close down at 16:45, during the Dave Asher show, for

'essential maintenance'. Normal programmes resumed later at about 17:38.

Monday dinnertime (13th) arrived, and Steve Conway came in to the studio during Coconut's show at 12:20 to give a mention to the BBC film crew who were out on Ross Revenge the previous Saturday (was this the real reason for the off-air period that afternoon). The crew were apparently from the Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham, and were there to film for a special feature on Caroline's 25th anniversary, to be broadcast during the 'Daytime Live' programme, shortly after mid-day on Monday 20th March. A dedication was promised for the crew at 12:20 Monday, during which a special mention was given to 'Debbie the make-up girl' who was apparently in the news studio, making Steve look 'respectable' (with no doubt the rest of the crew also waiting to be groomed!!). Steve returned at 13:00 to read the news, during which things could be heard falling about in the background due to the rough seas. For the second Monday in succession, Dave Asher had a rest, and Steve Conway stood in for him, hosting between 13:00 and 19:00. After a few obvious signs of aerial problems (tripping out), the station cut off at 14:01, returned at 14:04, and then cut off altogether immediately after this. It returned at 15:12 with 'Caroline' by the Fortunes. Steve Conway apologised for the absence, which was due to some damage to the aerial system caused by the severe weather. He said that this had been repaired quickly by their hard working engineer Mike Watts. Interestingly, the signal at our location was better when it returned, than during the morning - perhaps a faulty feeder had been rectified?. There were more problems later on with the signal being on and off between 18:35 and 19:13, again due to very rough seas. Steve Conway continued until 19:30, when Andy Bradgate took over. Paul Shelton made one of his rare appearances that night between 22:00 and closedown at 01:00.

As the Tuesday schedule went on, it became clear that a new system has been devised, whereby each deejay is getting one day off per week. This is making the listing of the line-up particularly difficult, but at least giving some rest to the staff. As previously mentioned it was Dave Asher who had Monday off. On Tuesday it was the turn of Rob Harrison, and on Wednesday 'The Coconut'. Steve Conway seems to be filling in for the 'off duty' staff, and is putting in at least six hours per day of programming, as well as running the news service for much of the time. Steve now appears to have a regular 'Powerdrive' slot between 17:00 and 19:00, although Thursday saw it begin at 16:00! The proper line-up is still as it was last Friday, with the obvious daily 'fill-ins' by Steve.



News is currently only aired during the breakfast show, and at 13:00, 18:00 and midnight.

Finally, several readers have been asking about the video tape which is being advertised on the station, using a BCM address, and featuring shots of the ship at the time the mast had collapsed. In fact, this tape was almost advertised in 'WR' shortly after the incident (December 1987), but several of the presenters who were on board at the time, were unhappy about it being distributed openly, with their faces on it. With previous problems we personally had, advertising an Ad Roberts video, we decided to heed their requests. However, we did request a sample to view to see who was on it for ourselves, but this was never forthcoming, and indeed, despite many people already having seen a copy, we have yet to enjoy seeing it. Despite this, we do not believe that there is any problem in sending for the video to the address given. It has obviously been seen by all aboard the ship, judging by the many comments heard this week.

Back to the 25th Anniversary, and London's 'Time Out' magazine are understood to be doing a feature on the station, although we are not sure in which edition. It seems strange that no mention of the Top 1000 has been heard recently. Has anyone heard a mention of the times it will be broadcast over the Easter weekend?

Caroline 819 : Not mentioned in the last 'WR', was this night-time alternative rock service, which continues to be heavily advertised on the 558 service. Last week, it was still both Rob Harrison and Colin Muesli Bar hosting the programmes, with occasionally, both being in the studio together when there was an early closedown. The first of the 'Listeners Top 5's were played last week, which is quite quick considering the route the letters have to take in order to reach the ship. When the service is on all night, there appears to be one played at around 23:15, and the other at 01:30. Whilst the 558 service has been closing early, the shortwave transmitter has been relaying the rock service until 04:00. With the recent crew change, the Paul Shelton has been helping out with the 'Overnight Alternative', and was heard on 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th March, usually co-hosting with Colin Muesli Bar.

World Mission Radio : Interesting to note that the late night signal has improved this week, with both WMR and the Caroline 558 service being fairly well audible. Caroline sometimes is relayed as late as 07:00. Recently, we have noted Radio Moscow on 6215 at night - did anyone else notice this, or was it just our receiver at fault. At least it has now cleared. The DX programme is still aired three times over the weekend. (Saturday at 10:00, and Sunday at 11:00 and 22:00)

LAND-BASED STATIONS U.K. The DTI raids continue unabated in the provinces.....

Renfrewshire: **Clyde Valley Radio** (103.5) have been operating occasionally in recent weeks, as have **Northside Radio** (103.4).

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire: In Hull, both **Radio Takoradi** (105.1) and **Radio Dolphin** (104.9) have continued to air test transmissions at various times. **Radio Dolphin** have said that they hope to commence regular schedule over the Easter holiday, although this hasn't been settled as yet. **Radio Takoradi's** tests consist of soul music, and some very professional jingles.

Despite hoping to, **NLV Radio** (105.5) have not been heard since they were raided for the third time in seven days. However tests of continuous L.P. music have been noted several times this week on 105.5MHz. The source of these is not known. In Bradford, it looks as though **Paradise City Radio** (104.9) were visited by the DTI on Thursday morning (16th). The station was missing for much of the day, and on returning at tea-time a jock was heard to say 'but they didn't get the studio', suggesting that just the transmitter was taken. Indeed the signal is reported as weaker than previous. **T.C.R.** (104.5) were operating all week, but **Harmony** have still not re-appeared. Sunday evening saw **Telstar Radio** (105.45) operating from the Halifax area.

In Leeds both **W.Y.B.C.** (104.6) and **Rapid FM** (105.1) have been operating all week when deejays are available. Further out, in York, a new station has been testing on 98MHz., calling itself **KL-FM**. It was first noted on Tuesday between 19:00 and 20:30, announcing as 'community radio for York', using a 250 watt transmitter 4 miles outside York, from studios in central York. Tests at this time have been heard every day this week, and programmes are announced as beginning this weekend, for 14 hours per day. Two jocks have been heard ('Yello' and 'Daddy Crucial') and the format is Top 40 type.

In South Yorkshire things are very quiet, with **Rebel Radio** failing to appear as expected following a derogatory newspaper article. Just **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) from Nottingham is clearly audible in the area. **HCR** are now blasting out, and have been trouble free all week.

Merseyside: The one-off station **Red Nose Radio** (104.9) programmed throughout Friday 10th March, and into the early hours of Saturday morning, finally closing down at 02:10. The following morning we were expecting **Radio Merseywaves** back on the air, but they failed to appear. **North Coast Radio** (1350) put the carrier on at around 09:56, and programmes started at 10:00 with Richie C, who announced he was to be on until 13:00. There were again problems with arcing on the transmitter, and the station left the air during the morning, apparently due to someone pulling down the aerial. They returned later in the day, with more success, and the transmitter is believed to have been on all night, as a relay of **BBC Radio 2** was heard early on Sunday. Programmes from **N.C.R.** itself resumed mid-morning, and went through until late Sunday night/Monday morning without any problems. The station engineer is attempting to obtain some higher rated components to stop the arcing problem. If he doesn't, this is the reason for the absence this weekend. **Radio Atlantis** (1197) were on the air on time this week, programming both Saturday and Sunday, with its regularly announced schedule.

Manchester / Cheshire: **Outlook** (96.3) were noted here

on Sunday night, on just a portable radio, so their signal was obviously good this week. **Super Fresh FM** (98.15-98.25), **WBLS** (102.3-102.4) and **Laser 1035** (103.6) have all been active daily up until Monday of this week. Programming on **Super Fresh** consists mainly of reggae, but some soul/dance music has been heard recently from a particular deejay. **WBLS** apparently tend to specialise more on dance music than the others, and also over-deviate more than the others. **Laser** are currently operating a phone-in during the 'Sam Brown' shows, and so far there is certainly no shortage of callers. Their music format tends to fall between the other two, being more reggae-based than **WBLS**. Monday (13th) saw no stations at all, with **Laser** and **WBLS** returning at various times on Tuesday.

Midlands: The DoTI Men struck again on **Powerhouse Radio** on Monday evening (13th March). **PHR** were still not back to normal hours following the last raid, and the transmitter had been drifting around between 105.0 and 105.4, causing problems for **Metro FM**. According to reports, 12 persons, including members of the DTI, were involved in the raid, during which the door of the premises was removed. The station closed at 18:03, and the raid took place at 18:15. No more details are known with regard to equipment removed. Since Wednesday, the station has been back on the air on 105.25MHz. Other stations have operated as normal this past week, although **Metro FM** (104.9) did disappear the same night as **PHR**, perhaps for security reasons. They had been operating daily up until then. The only other seven day operator is **Power 92 FM** (92.10-stereo). Some stations are now keeping to a weekend only schedule, beginning on a Friday night and usually going through until the early hours on Monday. Those heard last weekend include... **Skyline Radio** (94.3) and **Radio Sangam** (89.9). **Quest FM** (103.55) were noted on Saturday and Sunday, with **Rise FM** (104.3) being on the air during Sunday evening. Finally, **U.K. Radio** were operating on 1413kHz on Sunday afternoon, with parallel transmission on 105.6MHz. Some programmes from **Swingin' Radio England / AFWS** were also relayed over these transmitters.

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BIRMINGHAM AREA



9.15	Dick Saunders RENDEZVOUS
9.30	Albert Chambers WORLD VISION FOR CHRIST
10.00	Victor Pearce REVIVE
10.30	(closedown)

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8.00pm	Roy Beasley GOD SPEAKS TODAY
8.30	Dr Billy Graham HOUR OF DECISION
9.00	Frank & Ernest BIBLE ANSWERS
9.15	James Broom FAITHWAY BAPTIST HOUR
9.30	Albert Chambers WORLD VISION FOR CHRIST
9.45	Irene Hanley SAR SHALOM
10.00	Victor Pearce REVIVE
10.30	Dick Saunders RENDEZVOUS
10.45	(closedown)

Staffordshire: **Laser 98** (97.9-stereo) was heard broadcasting during Saturday evening (11th).

Bristol: Last week, the overall free radio scene in Bristol was pretty bleak, and this week it was even worse. There was continuing silence from the recently raided **B.A.D. Radio** (105.2), and to add to this there was a rather poor quality broadcast (12th) from **Savage Yet Tender Radio** (104.4-stereo). Although things ran smoothly initially, beginning with the promised replacement show for the "Climb Every Mountain" programme, beginning the broadcast at 15:30. Both the signal and audio began to deteriorate as the evening progressed, with the audio, which was mainly in the right channel, being severely clipped, with a heavy hum. These problems forced the station to eventually go live (for the first time?), to apologise for the situation. Following the announcement, everything went as normal, with the punk programme from 20:00 to 21:30. Perhaps there will be better news from Terry, next time.

London Weekend Survey: 3rd-7th March 1989.

The DoTI Men don't appear to have been very active over the weekend. Maybe the onset of Spring-like weather had decided them to have the weekend off. They did take a number of stations out during the week. These included Haringey's **Euro Jam** (89.45), who's relatively low powered output has remained pretty well untroubled over the months. They must feel that it is worth spreading their wings a bit now, as they returned with a considerably enhanced signal. **Asian Community Radio** (103.35) were back from Saturday 4th March, and are now on an eighteen hour schedule. **Q-102** (102.35-stereo) also turned up on Saturday night, but had gone again by Monday. It appears quite likely that they

have given up any pretensions of being a 7day/24hour outfit, and have reduced output to the weekends. What breaks in transmission that took place, are believed to be down to technical problems. These included short breaks in transmission from **Classic Community Radio** (94.2) and **SLR** (102.75).

This week, tape loopers turned up on 102.2, and could possibly be a successor to either **WBIS**, who went down during the week, or **Time Radio**, or some entirely new outfit. Whoever it was, were putting out a massive London-wide signal, and were using the call sign **Entertainment FM**, complete with Bill Mitchell idents. They lasted precisely twelve hours, before being removed on Friday night. Just next door on 102.25, a low power tape loop appeared on Monday, putting out reggae, from an unknown source.

South London's oldies and rock station **Magic FM** (105.25) are struggling to stay on air. They disappeared Friday night, to re-appear briefly Tuesday morning with a tape loop. They had gone later that day. Saturday saw another rollicking outing for the lads at **Radio Free London** (92.0), who either had a second un-announced transmitter going on 97.0, or an awful spurious signal. The third possibility is that someone was testing a rig, and relaying their output. This is a possibility as the soul station who were on the same frequency last week, could have been relaying them to hold the slot.

The busy Commander B - The Reggae Squadron Leader of London's Airwaves - has settled back nicely into his 7/9 post drive-time slot on Brixton's **Lightning Radio** (90.95). The good Commander, blessed with boundless high energy, has made a number of comments lately, about the state of the 'studio'. The latest, presumably meant to convey the modernity of the **Lightning** set-up, concerned the amount of heat in the studio, and how the 'air conditioning' was not working too well. Still one of the best reggae shows in town, the source of his endless supply of new and import reggae singles became clear when he mentioned his connection with a local Brixton record shop. From time to time, referring to **Lightning** as 'London's Southern Comfort', he was also referring to **Lightning** as being part of **LCR** - The Londonwide Community Radio Network. Meanwhile, just down the road at Peckham's **Sky Radio** (91.65), DJ Papa Ray, was also getting very busy in a different way. On Sunday evening, he was not only covering the 6-8 slot, but was going off to do a gig, and then returning to cover the 2-4 slot the following morning. During his show, he carried out some extensive self promotion, giving out not only the station's contact number, but the phone number of his manager and booker as well.

Some confusion on 88.5 this week, as **Harp FM** lose the spot to a new outfit who for several days gave no identification beyond the fact that they were in stereo on 88.5MHz. By Monday, they were announcing themselves not only as **East London Community Radio**, but also were using the Bill Mitchell Lazer Radio idents, as well. Confusion again, but this time of the un-intentional kind occurred when DJ Moses, another old Timer, turned up on **WLR** (102.0-stereo), and was covered in embarrassment the other day, when he accidentally played his old **Time** ident package.

The ethnics had a quiet weekend, with **Greek Community Radio** (104.4) running a full 24 hour schedule. **Greek Radio for London** (97.95) haven't been heard now since 26th February. **Asian Community Radio** (103.35) who went down during the week, returned Saturday and are continuing to put out about 18 hours per day. There has been no sign of the Spanish station heard just once on February 26th, on 98.20. In fact, that whole area around 98 has been very quiet this week, with neither S London weekenders **Joy Radio** (97.85) or E London's **Stage Radio** (98.15) making an appearance.

Regretfully, it was learnt just as this was being finalised, that **Radio London/Wonderful Free Radio London** will not be taking to the air this Easter, with an Anoraks 'oldies' station as hoped. This is in part due to the pre-mature revelations here of their world wide plans, but it is also understood that other security considerations were of greater relevance.

Without realising it, holidays have crept up again. There will be no London Survey now until the first week of April.

Heard this week were :- **ELCR/Lazer** (88.5-stereo), **Sunrise** (88.75), **Euro-Jam** (89.45), **RJR** (90.0), **Supreme** (90.45), **Lightning** (90.95), **Sky** (91.65), **RFL** (92.05), **Crystal** (92.35), **Studio** (92.65), **Star** (93.05), **Starpoint** (93.2), **Classic Community Radio** (94.2), **London City** (94.5-stereo), **RFL**

2 (97.0), **West London Radio** (102.0-stereo), **Entertainment** (102.2), **Reggae tape loop** (102.25), **Q-102** (102.35-stereo), **SLR** (102.75), **Asian CR** (103.35), **Peoples** (103.65-stereo), **Greek CR** (104.4), **Magic** (105.25) and **Stomp** (105.35).

London Up-Date : Since Sid wrote the above piece, **Magic FM** have been heard on their old channel on 98.0MHz.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS

Log for Saturday 11th March 1989.

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 08:42gmt.
6215kHz...**CAROLINE 558**, at 23:30gmt.
6275kHz...**DELTA RADIO**, at 13:26gmt.
6298kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:46gmt.
6298kHz...4IFR, at 12:13gmt.

Delta Radio were operating test transmissions at 11:55, with deejays Pete Edwards and John Adams. Full programmes began at 12:00.

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Log for Sunday 12th March 1989.

6200kHz...UNID., at 10:48gmt.
6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 09:08gmt.
6226kHz...**B.R.I.**, at 11:27gmt.
6230kHz...**INDIGO RADIO**, at 09:44gmt.
6230kHz...**JOLLY ROGER RADIO**, at 10:26gmt.
6242kHz...**ATLANTA RADIO**, at 10:33gmt.
6253kHz...UNID., at 11:10gmt.
6275kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 10:36gmt.
6280kHz...UNID., at 09:18gmt.
6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:21gmt.
6299kHz...4IFR, at 11:31gmt.
6299kHz...4FWS/SWINGIN RADIO ENGLAND, at 12:36gmt.
6319kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 12:00gmt.
6815kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 11:08gmt.
6870kHz...UNID., at 11:45gmt.
6875kHz...**I.R.R.S / FALCON RADIO**, at 11:06gmt.
7290kHz...**RADIO POGO 104**, at 09:04gmt.
7290kHz...**RADIO MIRAGE**, at 09:56gmt.
7375kHz...**RADIO LUCE**, at 09:48gmt.
7375kHz...UNID., at 10:24gmt.
7440kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 08:10gmt.
7440kHz...4IFR, at 09:50gmt.
7440kHz...UNID.(R. Gaga?), at 10:54gmt.
7440kHz...**RAINBOW RADIO GERMANY**, at 11:06gmt.
7490kHz...**V.O.T.N. RADIO**, at 09:12gmt.
11515kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 12:24gmt.

Conditions today were good all morning, with most signals loud and clear. The only exception here, was the 6.8MHz. section which seemed to suffer from utility transmissions. The strongest, apart from WMR, were... 6230, 6299, 6318, 7290 and unusually, 7440kHz. World Mission Radio was causing major problems, with splatter, to operators as far up as 6241kHz., although the strong 6230 seemed to suffer least here.

Logs printed in **BOLD TYPE** are from Blackpool. others were kindly supplied by... Andy (Hull), Peter (Gloucester), Ronald (Derbyshire), Ken (Yorkshire), David (Norwich) and Neal (The Midlands).

BRI were again announcing test transmissions, but don't seem to having much luck in finding a suitably clear slot. This time they were up and down amongst all the WMR splatter.

6280 was thought to be **MRBC** and spent most of the early morning playing **Monty Python**, until **WFRL** (6275) wiped them out.

Prior to **WLR** identifying, we were treated to tapes of **Carnival Radio** (Brighton) and 'The Hot 103' on 6319kHz. **WLR** itself has now resumed its **Free Radio Roundup** programme, which can be heard each Sunday from 12:00 until 13:00, on 6318/20kHz.

Judging by the reports we have received this week, **Radio East Coast Commercial** were heard with very good strength on their test on 11514kHz (as well as the usual 6815 outlet). Power on this new channel was just 12watts. Amazing what you can achieve with a perfectly tuned aerial system!

6870 again played good rock music, but failed to identify.

The **Voice of The Netherlands** (7490) were announcing a power of 180 watts. It was consistantly strong until sign off at 10:12gmt.

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The usual thanks to our fine band of contributors!

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A Happy Easter to everyone, good listening and special congratulations to our friends on the North Sea on reaching their quarter century. It will be noted that we are taking the unusual step of printing two days early this week. The reason for this is simple, with Easter weekend upon us, there will be no postal collections on Friday evening (when we usually post), therefore this would mean, in effect, that WR would not arrive until Wednesday in most cases and even the following weekend in others. This way, most people stand a chance of reading it before Easter.

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NEW MERCHANDISE: Offshore Echo's, issue 75 for March '89 is imminent. This latest substantial edition has all the in-depth news stories, covering offshore and more, along with interviews and regular features, plus recent exclusive photos of aerial developments on the Ross Revenge. Send £2.00 today to order your copy on arrival, of the only regular in depth, offshore magazine, in English, now remaining..... Several new issues of the SMC Audio Magazine series arrived this week. These consist of airchecks of the offshore radio stations, with occasional news reports from other sources. Number 25 covers July to September 1988. Number 26 covers September 1988. Number 27 covers September and October 1988. Number 28 covers October and November 1988. Number 29 covers November and December 1988. All recordings are on TDK D-60 cassettes and cost £3.50 each or 3 for £10.00..... "Caroline 558 - Europe's Premier Music Station" car stickers are 60p each or 2 for £1 and will be despatched with the following week's report or with other merchandise ordered at the time. Alternatively, enclose an SAE please.

NEW ARRIVALS: Radiotex, issue 146. Extra pages this time, with 8 x A5 sides covering short wave radio, logs, news (in English) and interesting photos. Details from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany..... Play-DX, issue 542, with 6 x A4 sides of HF logs and international news, mainly in English. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... Freewave, issue 176, the regular radio read (in Dutch) from Holland has 24 x A5 well presented pages, covering offshore and European land-based radio generally. Details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 Groningen, Holland..... DX Magazine, issue 6 comes from Holland, is totally in Dutch and is a special 'Happy Birthday Caroline' issue. In A4 format, covered in the 28 pages is offshore, short wave, Irish and satellite broadcasting. Details from Postbus 19037, 3501 DA Utrecht, Holland.

FOR SALE: "Mi Amigo Tune" by Bronx, brand new, picture sleeve, Monopole records... £5.50... tel: (0253) 882017.

WANTED: WMR (World Music Radio) - Dutch land-based pirate - 7" single. Must be in mint condition... telephone Patrick on (0909) 565443.

WANTED: A list of the top 1000 as played by Radio Caroline at Easter for a fan out of the listening area and who was able to listen, and collected all 500 tunes from the 1984 '20 Years of Caroline' feature... contact P.O. Box 539, etc.

WANTED: A correspondent who collects station outputs, jingles, etc., from ILR, BBC, RTE and American radio, a sort of pen friend who is in to radio... contact Roger Noble, 48 Heath Rise, Cadbury Heath, Warmley, Bristol BS15 5DD.

NOTICE: Join the CM Thanet branch for the 'Caroline 25th Birthday Celebrations' in Bromley, Kent on Saturday 1st April, from 15:00 till late... Tel: (0843) 821112.

RADIO STATION NEWS... SATELLITE RADIO: Our thanks to several readers who have kindly written in with their experiences in this field, so far. Space permitting, we have plenty to write about on the subject, but it seems unlikely we shall be able to include it all in one issue. We will however, if this is the case, make sure it all appears in subsequent issues.

"Cable and Satellite '89" (at the Olympia in London, from 16th until 19th March, inc.). Part of the AUK team managed a day there last week.... Foolishly travelling down by car, we eventually arrived after excessive motorway delays, liked drowned rats, as London was being treated to some monsoon weather. Luckily, we picked a 'trade only' day, otherwise the queue to enter may well have reached Manchester! At least it moved fairly fast and we soon found ourselves inside and confronted with a wealth of satellite equipment (along with the over-priced food and drink bars and a lot of wet bodies!). There was satellite for everybody there, from the £199 complete systems right up to the likes of Marconi and company with enormous 'earth stations' costing very many thousands of pounds, and dishes almost the size of a house, not the sort of thing to place in your back garden! The number and variety of dishes was staggering. You could get any size, colour, type, almost shape as well. The highlight, attracting a great crowd, was one made out of a galvanized dustbin lid! The thing was it looked quite smart, although how it performed remained to be seen, that is if it did at all! The people at the other side of the business were quite well presented, those who make programmes and commission the satellite links, with Sky rather dominant in the centre of the hall. Their superb stand featured stacks of large fabric covered squares, like giant building blocks, each one containing a monitor screen and in turn, each stack featuring one channel. The whole thing was bright, elaborate and very flash and the 'celebrity area' had the likes of Tony Blackburn flitting in and out. Not quite as predominant were the others, including Eutelsat, who seemed to have more to offer in the way of literature regarding future expansion, and BSB, who despite not being active yet, did not let that deter from their overall presentation. Their 'squalid' fascinated many, with its 'table mat' size, but puzzled others who thought (without doubt, correctly) that once on the air, a whole additional receiving system would have to be purchased, or at least, major modifications to ones existing equipment, costing probably very little less. One firm seemed to be getting more than the share of business, going by the customers clamouring around the roadshow caravan, and that was Chris Cary's 'Hi-Tech X'travision' firm. Keen prices, eager installers or instructors and above all, reliability, no doubt playing some part in this. (We can vouch for this as our system came via that firm). The magic words 'Nova' kept appearing in all sorts of places and when asked about it, Chris said 'We'll be back, never fear, maybe on Astra, who knows?'. All the corners of the hall were filled with the smaller, but equally as important, firms supplying anything from plugs, cable and

Sunshine boss says O'Donovan had interest in Radio 2000



Robbie Robinson

FRED O'DONOVAN, one of the members of the Independent Radio and Television Commission, had been a shareholder in a company with a major stake in Radio 2000, a group which won a radio licence for Dublin from the Commission, the High Court was told yesterday.

The claim was made in a challenge by former Sunshine radio boss, Robbie Robinson, to the granting of franchises for two new independent radio stations in Dublin.

Dublin and County Broadcasting Ltd., of which Mr. Robinson is a director, was granted permission to seek a judicial review of the decisions after Mr. Robinson submitted that Mr. O'Donovan, former RTE chairman, was last year a shareholder in a company with a major stake in Radio 2000.

Having heard a lengthy affidavit from Mr. Robinson and submissions from his counsel, Mr. Nial Fennelly, SC. Mr.

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that sort of thing, right through to books on the subject. Very noticeable was the lack of information concerning radio. It was as if the radio stations on the sub carriers did not exist. Ernest searching yielded the odd mention on firms literature, but all in all again, it was like a closely guarded secret. We approached one of the magazines, 'Satellite Times', the only one of many to present the general public with an excellent mixture of news, information, equipment reviews and of course, programme schedules, and they told us that they would be interested in featuring the radio side, but lacked info. They even went as far as blaming Chris Cary for the lack of same, saying he closed down Nova just as they were about to feature it. Another magazine, now in its own right, and equally as new as the above, is 'What Satellite'. This one is also worth checking out. Both are monthly, incidentally, and available from good newsagents.

Our thoughts about the show: We could have done with going back another day, after all the 'bumf' had been read and digested, to see the things we missed. Still, there's the Paris show in April, no, maybe we'd better wait till next year!

Advice for would-be buyers: Wait, unless of course, you intend buying an up-market system, but above all, seek advice and don't give up till you get it.

More next week....

IRELAND: It's the same story here, with very little happening of note. In Dublin, **Radio Dublin** continues as mentioned last week, whilst its owner, Eamon Cooke, continues his fight against the government. Legally, Robbie Robinson is fighting them too (see newspaper cutting featured).

Bias alleged in granting of radio licence



Fred O'Donovan

Frederick O'Donovan, of Balscadden House, Howth.

Mr. Robinson said it became clear that not only were Mr. O'Donovan and Mr. O'Brien, jnr., business associates but they had been close personal friends for some time and that Mr. O'Brien, jnr., had until recently a close personal relationship with Mr. O'Donovan's daughter.

Mr. O'Brien, jnr., was now the chairman and chief executive of Radio 2000. The search at the Companies Office disclosed that a document setting out a change in the directors or secretary of E Sat had been received there on December 23 last.

A copy of this obtained by Mr. Robinson's company dated July 11, 1988, recorded that Mr. O'Donovan resigned as chairman and director of E Sat on July 7, 1988.

Mr. Robinson said his company was concerned that given the close links between Mr. O'Donovan and E Sat and his association with Mr. O'Brien, Mr. O'Donovan could not bring a free and unbiased mind to bear on the award of a sound broadcasting contract for Dublin.

Mr. Robinson said he believed Mr. O'Donovan, a person with considerable sound broadcasting experience, would have had been an influential member of the Commission.

Mr. Fennelly said that Mr. Robinson's company's investigations were incomplete. The suspicion of bias arising from the mere fact of such a recent interest was enough to render void the decision of the Commission.

A date for the hearing of the judicial review has not been set.

In the border areas, both **Northside Radio** and **Radio Star Country** continue, but both were missing for a short spell last week. We later learned, after printing last week's issue, that both were visited by Department of Communications officials and told that if they did not leave the air, they would be raided and closed down. Both appeared to do just that, but returned to the air within a short time. Whether a move of location was the reason is not known. **Radio Star Country** on 981kHz., being the stronger of the two, is listened to here extensively during the day. This station just seems to be leaping ahead in great bounds. They were even advertising for extra sales staff last week! A dramatic promo heard this week, thanks all the devoted listeners for supporting the station and the many advertisers too. It goes on to say that once, a dozen stations were to be found in the region and now only they remained providing a service, not available on any legal station. It was a bit reminiscent of Caroline in August 1967.

A report in says that Northside did suffer a raid, with the loss of an FM transmitter, some time ago, but we cannot confirm, nor find anyone else who can confirm this report. We are of the opinion that a visit by an AUK delegation is called for at this time, in order to get some first hand news. Whether this proves possible remains to be seen.

OFFSHORE STATIONS: On Monday 27th March, it will be 25 years since the m.v. **Fredericia** dropped anchor off Felixstowe and started test transmissions on 1495kHz. The following day, it will be 25 years since **Radio Caroline** commenced official programmes at midday, on 1520kHz. Our thanks, as usual, to Stuart for these notes, and special congratulations to all at **Radio Caroline**, both past and present, on land and at sea, for their very worthy efforts in this respect.

For the benefit of younger readers, the station has had a few breaks in its 25 years, most notable being from 3rd March 1968, when both north and south ships were towed away to Holland, for non-payment of tendering services, until 29th September 1972, when the *Mi Amigo* was bought back and the vandalised equipment was painstakingly repaired.

A shorter break occurred from October 1978 until April 1979. This one happened mainly due to generator failure, caused by Radio *Mi Amigo*'s insistence in staying on the air, when a major overall of equipment and repairs should have taken priority.

The ship suffered another major catastrophe during this off air period, in January, when the pumps failed and she started to sink. However, the day was saved again, when dedicated staff risked life and limb and returned the next day to the almost submerged vessel and managed to get the pumps working again. Tony Allan emotionally re-opened the station on Easter Sunday.

The third major break occurred when the hardy *Mi Amigo* sank in all its glory, after the three staff (Stevie Gordon, Tom Anderson and Nick Richards) closed down the station with the theme tune and left the ship for the safety of the Walton on the Naze lifeboat, on 20th March 1980. This break lasted until August 1983 when the station returned from a new ship, the *Ross Revenge*. Breaks in transmissions have been only brief on this much stronger ship and even when the massive 300 foot tower collapsed in November 1987, they were only absent for about a week, before returning on low power with a 'washing line' type aerial.

During the three major breaks mentioned above, the dream was always kept alive by the fact that the ship was still around (in harbour in Holland, still in the North Sea and sitting in 20 feet of water, respectively), although in the latter case, unusable as it was under water, although even then, plans were mooted to raise it.

Caroline 558 : A further crew change took place over the weekend of 17th-19th March, ready for the Easter celebrations. Andy Bradgate appears to be the only one to have come off, although Mike Watts has not been heard hosting a programme this week. Sunday saw the return of Nick Jackson at 05:00, and Tony Kirk at 13:00. On Monday morning at 01:00 a new name was heard, Ian Miles, although he is not new to Caroline. Those who remember the days of the *Viewpoint 963* / *Overdrive* changeovers will recognise his voice. Ian has now settled into the early hours slot. Yet another familiar voice came on at 05:00, when Chris Kennedy made his long awaited return. Chris has continued to host the breakfast show this week.

Due to the 'day off' policy at the moment, it is difficult to list the line-up. However, Caroline Martin normally hosts 09:00-13:00, Dave Asher 13:00-16:00 and Rob Harrison 16:00-19:00. The evening slots have been shared between 'Coconut' and Nick Jackson. Tony Kirk has settled into the 22:00-01:00 programme.

Following much publicity over the airwaves of Radio Caroline, there was a ten minute feature on Monday's (20th) 'Daytime Live' programme on BBC 1. For those who didn't see it, the feature was very fair towards the station, unlike many in the past. It contained recent interviews with Ronan and Johnnie Walker, along with a potted history. The piece we had all been waiting for was at the end, when the film crew were aboard the *m.v. Ross Revenge*. Dave Asher was interviewed in the studio, and Steve Conway was seen reading the news, following which he was also interviewed. Finally, as the visiting vessel moved away, there was the new front mast for all to see - at least as far as it has been built. It looked fairly substantial, the bottom 60 foot or so, consisting of two triangular sections built parallel to each other up to a plate, where above, it was a single section. The bottom cross-member was already installed. Let us hope that the rest is erected as soon as possible.

Following the programme, the entire afternoon's chat on 558 was full of remarks and entertaining links. Steve Conway mentioned that he though he looked like a tramp! Dave Asher seemed quite pleased with his new found stardom! Has anyone got a good quality recording of the entire afternoon programming, which they would like to trade?

The only derogatory piece was when the host stated that the news was taken from Ceefax. It may be only a co-incidence, but since this time, each news bulletin has ended with the phrase 'Newsweek news is compiled from media sources around the world'.

'The Independent' carried a feature on the station in its Wednesday 22nd March issue, also, it might be an idea to keep an eye on the papers this weekend, especially the weekend supplements, for any special features. Radio Nederland's Media Network has a 'special' planned for Thursday 30th March (originally set to be aired on 23rd, we believe). Listen out on 5955kHz. at about 12:48 or 15:48, or on 6020kHz. at 19:48 (all BST, please note).

Wednesday afternoon saw Rob Harrison mention at 16:30, that the *Olau Britannia* had just gone past and they had been called up to say that Peter Philips wished them a happy birthday. Also this day, mention started to be made again of the *Easter Listeners' All Time Top 1000 Records*. Later still in the day, it was announced that this 'special' would commence at 07:00 on Good Friday morning, and finish at 18:00 on Monday. It was stated that the records played after midnight would be repeated next morning, commencing at 07:00.

Caroline 819 - The Overnight Alternative : Early in the week an Easter promotion was heard by Tom Anderson. The presenter on at the time mentioned that perhaps they could persuade Tom to do a special show on tape. The hosts for this week have been Dave Shelton and Rob Harrison. The Top 200 L.P. tracks promised for Easter was said to begin at 18:00 on Saturday 25th, but later in the week, it was announced that there may be a Good Friday start instead. Perhaps Radio 819 still want Saturday for the Dutch service.

LAND-BASED STATIONS

Merseyside : A very disappointing weekend brought just one station to the airwaves on medium wave - **Radio Atlantis** (1197). Even they didn't appear until Sunday, but still put in two days of 'Liverpool's best music', by broadcasting until 19:00 on Monday evening.

The only other station we have had reported is **Concept Radio** who were noted on a frequency around 97.0MHz. on Sunday evening. We hope that the Bank Holiday weekend will bring more activity.

Manchester / Cheshire : **Outlook** (96.3) were noted on Sunday evening, with a late start, sometime after 20:00, and ending programming at 22:45, when the carrier cut off almost immediately. Mention was made, that several of the programmes could also be heard via the station's Birmingham transmission on a Monday night on 96.8MHz. **WBLS** (102.4) was also noted here in Blackpool on Wednesday night.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire : Things are quiet all over. **WYBC** (104.6) and **Rapid FM** (105.1) have both been heard in Leeds this past week, but Rapid has been off since Monday. In Bradford **PCR** (104.9) and **TCR** (104.5) have both been reported. York's **KL-FM** (97.95) has been noted on odd evenings, but not full time as they announced last week. Further south, an unidentified station playing E.L.P. and Deep Purple has been noted on 99.1MHz. Could this be **Exocet Radio** which we received a message about last week? In Derby, **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) were operating on Sunday night (19th). Finally, in Nottingham, **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) have been unhindered this week, with new adverts and new jocks being heard.

The Midlands : Thursday 16th saw the opening of a new West Indian station, **Supreme FM** (103.7-stereo). They were first heard at 18:45 with Chicken George, who also mentioned that he would be hosting the breakfast show from 07:00 each morning. An adapted version of the 'Laser is back' promo was aired, with all references to Laser removed. It was mentioned that Supreme would broadcast until the early hours of 17th, and re-open at 07:00, and that they soon hope to achieve 24 hour operation. All mail should be sent to **Summit Records**, 44-45 Bull Ring Centre, Birmingham B5.

Following the raid on Monday 13th March, **Powerhouse Radio** were back on the air on 105.25 (mono) by Wednesday evening (15th). They signed off at midnight saying they would be back at 10:00 the following morning. By Thursday 16th, they had moved up to 105.5. A deejay that evening mentioned an attempted raid by the DTI, saying that that station had closed at 6:00 prior to the raid, so the DTI walked into the wrong room. Since then, it has been drifting around between 105.0 and 105.5MHz.

Power 92 FM (92.1-stereo) has continued with daily broadcasts, but disappeared at around 16:15 on Saturday (18th). Programmes resumed at lunchtime the following day, with an announcement that they had experienced trouble

with the wind.

After disappearing shortly after Powerhouse were raided, **Metro Radio** (104.9) returned to the air on Friday evening (17th) and were heard throughout the weekend. Also heard all weekend were **Skyline Radio** (94.3), with **Quest FM** (103.5) being noted on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday only **Rise FM** put out programmes during the evening of 19th. After being noted for the past few weekends, **Radio Sangam** (89.9) were only noted on Friday evening (17th).

Renfrewshire / Glasgow : In addition to **Northside Radio** (103.4), who operate each Tuesday evening, **CVR FM** (103.45) have been following on after the end of Northside's broadcast. CVR continue until about 12:30. CVR FM also operate at the weekend, mainly on Sunday afternoon and early evening. They also sometimes call themselves **Gleniffer Radio**. The advert below has been distributed in the area recently, suggesting the imminent return of **Radio Unicorn**.

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London : There will be no London Weekend Survey until early April, but Alan kindly spent some time monitoring the band last weekend, from his Essex base, and managed to log the following stations... **Chicago** (88.1), **Laser FM** (88.4), **East London Community Radio** (88.4), **Sunrise** (88.7), **Euro-Jam**(89.5), **RJR** (90.0), **Rock-to-Rock** (90.2), **Supreme** (90.5), **CCN** (90.7), **Lightning** (90.9), **Sky FM** (91.7), **Meantime Radio** (92.9), **Star** (93.1), **Starpoint** (93.2), **'The Mystery Station'** (93.9), **Classic Community Radio** (94.2), **London FM** (94.5), **Reflection Radio** (96.9), **Joy FM** (97.9), **Switch FM** (98.3), **Veronica 102** (101.9), **WLR** (102.0), **WIBS** (102.4), **SLR** (102.7), and **Stomp FM** (105.4). There was also an unidentified station on 98.1MHz. which was thought to be **Stage FM**. **Meantime Radio** was a new station playing soul and reggae! Rock and oldies fans would be disappointed as only **Veronica** managed to make it to the air. They were noted with an excellent stereo signal. Neither **R-FM** or **Q-102** were heard and **Magic** (98.1) were also missing, but had returned playing their oldies by Wednesday (22nd). Both **Laser** and **ELCR** were operating on the same frequency, but were noted at different times. **Laser** was reported as very strong. **'The Mystery Station'** was heard on Sunday and Monday (19th) and kept announcing that they would say who they were on Tuesday. However when Tuesday came along, they had disappeared from the air. Breaking the monotony of the soul and reggae, **WIBS** were heard with country music on Monday morning - this was made interesting by the fact

that the announcer had a West Indian accent. **Greek Community Radio** (104.4) have not been heard since last Saturday, and are presumed to have gone under, making them one of the few to be off the air this week. **Tropical** (105.1) were noted on Monday and tuesday, and **'The Arab'** (89.5) also returned this week. An unidentified Asian station was logged on 103.3MHz. Additionally, our trip to London last Thursday yielded **Peoples FM** (103.7) and **Medina Radio** (tape loop-102.3).

SHORTWAVE RADIO STATIONS

Log for Saturday 18th March 1989.

6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 08:40gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:00gmt.
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 12:20gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:12gmt.

Log for Sunday 19th March 1989.

6200kHz...UNID., at 10:39gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 00:30gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:07gmt.
6225kHz...RADIO GALAXY, at 10:00gmt.
6230kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:51gmt.
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 13:34gmt.
6233kHz...UNID., at 12:40gmt.
6240kHz...PREMIER RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 11:12gmt.
6268kHz...UNID., at 09:31gmt.
6273kHz...UNID.(test tx), at 13:16gmt.
6287kHz...RADIO 101 NETWORK, at 12:50gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:00gmt.
6306kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 14:16. (QSO)
6315kHz...RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND, at 09:38gmt.
6320kHz...UNID., at 12:35gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11:00gmt.
6874kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 09:18gmt.
6874kHz...L.R.R.S., at 10:21gmt.
7315kHz...UNID., at 10:50gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 07:51gmt.
11515kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11:03gmt.

Conditions on the shortwave bands today were extremely varied. Early on (08:00) Radio Luce was booming in on 7375kHz. By 10:30 it had disappeared altogether (gone off we thought). Even the strongest signal on the band here in Blackpool (R.E.C.C. on 6815) was fading somewhat, shortly after 11:00. The strange conditions were even more noticeable here, where the 11515 tx was not very good compared to 6815, but in other parts of the country it was the other way around. Many thanks to Stuart (Staffs.), John (Kent), Neal (Midlands), Pete (Gloucester), Ken (Yorkshire) and Ken (Scotland).

Most reporters were impressed with the programme quality of **Radio Galaxy**, who incidentally were announcing a power of 1000 watts! A **Radio Annabelle**(?) was thought to be heard on this channel at 11:37, although this could have been some sort of taped show.

The station on 6233 was heard playing a record by **'The Jam'**, and then the transmitter cut off.

Premier Radio International was also noted here with a strong carrier. Very low audio meant we didn't identify it.

The unidentified signal on 6273 was announcing as a test transmission from a free radio station, and asking listeners to send their reports to us, in order that R.E.C.C. would include it in their next DX programme! Neither ourselves nor R.E.C.C. know anything about it.

The **Radio 101 Network** was only heard briefly, and an address was not noted. Is this the same **Radio 101** that used to broadcast on 7361kHz? Any ideas?

At 12:00, it was announced on **Radio Orion** that the regular **Swinging Radio England / 4FWS** show would not be broadcast as the tapes had not arrived.

The station on 6320 was thought to be the same tx as that used for **WLR** last Sunday. This week it was playing extracts from documentaries on offshore radio.

7315 was playing some rock music, and an announcement was heard something like.... 'you are listening to **Glenfire Radio**'. A test programme was announced, and an address in Ruurlo, The Netherlands was given out.

Our thanks as usual to all contributors who help each week with the compilation of this report and to all the Easter cards we have been sent.